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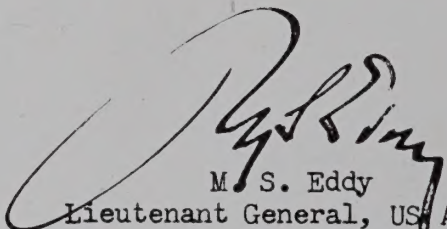
TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 43D INFANTRY DIVISION:

The long record of achievement compiled in peace and war since the 43d's organization in 1925, with the integral aid of member regiments whose histories date back to before the Revolutionary War, provides ample reason for believing that you men of Winged Victory fame are doing it again -- accomplishing the assigned mission in the finest tradition of the United States Army.

Those who wore the Black Grapeleaf during World War II, did so through some of the toughest fighting ever faced by American troops. The 102d, 169th and 172d Regiments plus your division artillery were instrumental in helping to "pave the way back" to the Philippine Islands.

Now, with the security of the Free World again at stake, you have been assigned a new mission, that of helping guard its frontiers in a foreign land. The long hours of training in the field, on the firing ranges, and in the classroom are recorded as testimony of your contribution to the effort to preserve peace and freedom.

This book is the story of the 43d Infantry Division -- the men of Winged Victory -- a priceless history of a great organization.



M. S. Eddy
Lieutenant General, US Army
Commanding



LIEUTENANT GENERAL MANTON S. EDDY

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Seventh United States Army

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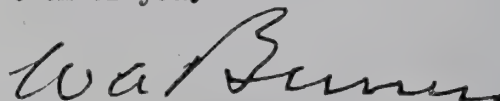
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TO: The Members of the 43rd Infantry Division

It is highly appropriate that your great combat division has seen fit to record its splendid achievements in carrying out its vital task in Germany and Europe. Seldom, if ever, has an American force been called upon to be ready to carry out a mission so important to the civilization we know.

As Commanding General of the VII Corps I am extremely proud to have the 43rd Infantry Division as a part of my Command and I send my best regards and wishes to each of you.



W.A. BURRESS
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding



MAJOR GENERAL W. A. BURRESS

Commanding General

VII Corps



FORTY-THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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TO THE WINGED VICTORY DIVISION:

May these pages remind you of some of the best regiments, battalions, and companies in the United States Army. Let them remind you of the way in which your organizations fought in previous wars to preserve our way of life. Let them remind you of the way you have carried on the traditions of the 43d. And lastly, let them remind you of friendships you have made which you will ever hold dear.

KENNETH F. CRAMER
Major General, USA
Commanding



MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH F. CRAMER

Commanding General

Forty-Third Infantry Division

MAJ. GEN. KENNETH F. CRAMER, CG, 43d Inf. Div., has an Army career that dates from the day he left his Princeton graduate studies in history to enlist as a private in 1916. Participating in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne campaigns of 1918, he began his National Guard Service in 1931. Ten years later he led the 169th Inf. Regt. into federal service and then served in the Pacific as Asst. CG of the 24th Inf. Div.

The general was sworn into the Army for the 20th time after World War II, when he took command of the 43d Div. Until the Division was federalized in

September, 1950, he had been doubling as Chief of the National Guard Bureau of the National Military Establishment in Washington. At that time he resigned from the Washington post to go to Camp Pickett, Va., with his troops.

Among the awards and decorations he is entitled to wear are: Silver Star Medal with three oak leaf clusters; Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal; Air Medal; Purple Heart; Commendation Ribbon; Asiatic-Pacific Medal with five battle stars and one Arrowhead; and Philippine Liberation Medal with three battle stars.



BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES K. GAILEY, JR.

*Assistant Commanding General
Forty-Third Infantry Division*

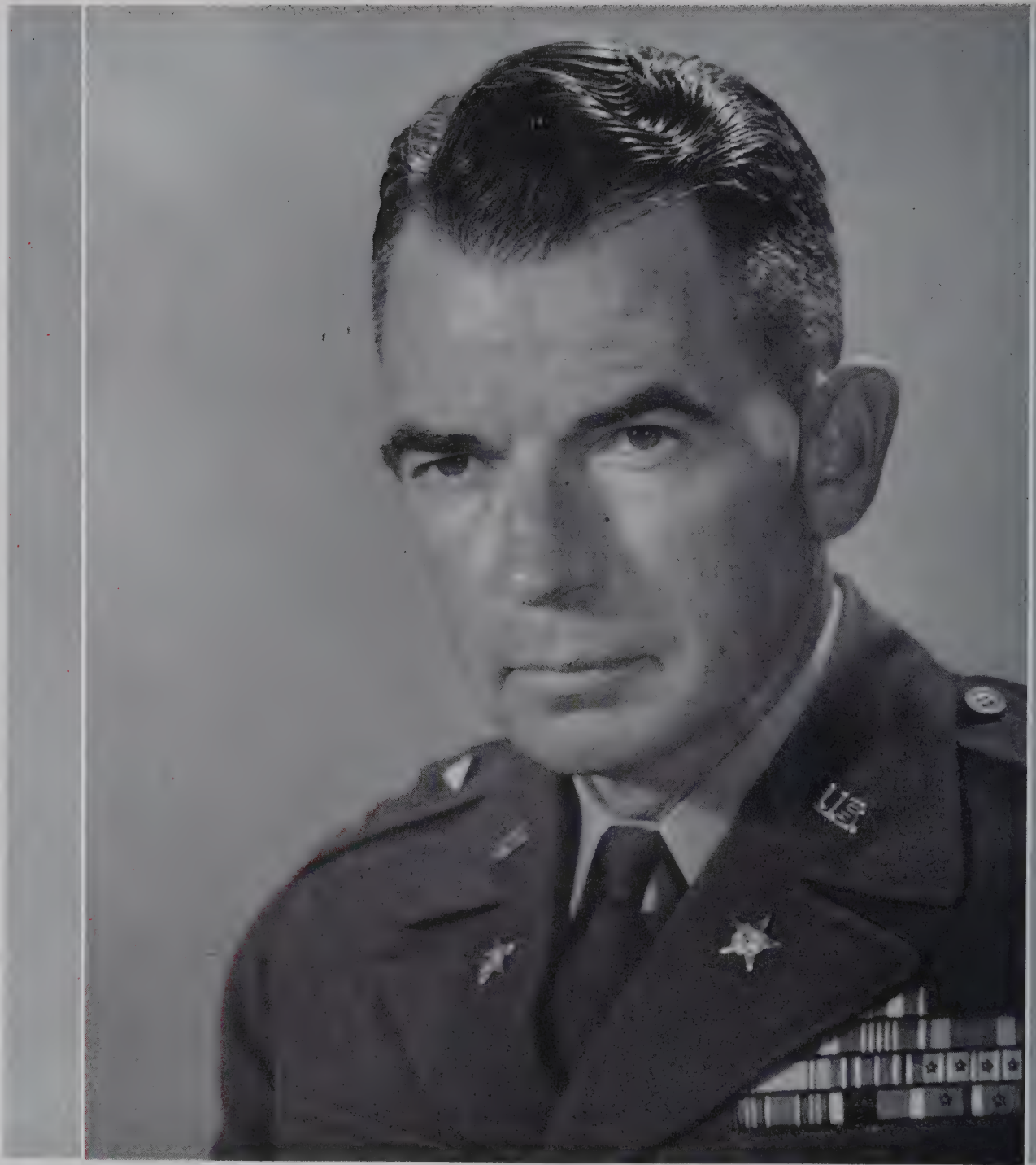
BRIG. GEN. CHARLES K. GAILEY, JR., Asst. CG, 43d Inf. Div. is a West Pointer, class of 1920. During World War II he served with the Operations Division, War Dept. General Staff. In 1945 he was assigned to Germany, where he later became C/S, Office of Military Govt., EUCOM. After completing this assignment he was named Asst. CG, 2d Armd. Div. in Texas. With the 2d Armd. he again returned to Germany. He joined the 43d Div. in April, 1952. The General wears the Distinguished Service Medal.



BRIGADIER GENERAL DOUGLAS V. JOHNSON

Commanding General
43d Division Artillery

BRIG. GEN. DOUGLAS V. JOHNSON, CG, 43d Div. Arty., received his present command in April, 1952. First commissioned in 1923, he was active in the Tunisian and Normandy campaigns and later took important post-war Washington duties. He has won the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star as well as a citation from the President of Liberia.



COLONEL PAUL R. WEYRAUCH

Chief of Staff

COL. PAUL R. WEYRAUCH became the 43d chief of staff in April, 1952. Among his awards are the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation. He is a West Point graduate, 1930, and has the New Guinea and Bismarck Archipelago campaigns to his credit.



COLONEL JAMES H. CASH, II

Commanding Officer
102d Infantry Regiment

COL. JAMES H. CASH, II, CO, 102d Inf. Regt., has been at his new post since June of this year. He was previously IG of V Corps. A veteran of the Central Europe and Rhineland campaigns, Cash is the wearer of the Bronze Star.



COLONEL RICHARD J. HUNT

Commanding Officer
172d Infantry Regiment

COL. RICHARD J. HUNT, CO, 172d Inf. Regt., was formerly Asst. G-3 at 7th Army Hq. From 1942-1945 he was CO of the 744th Tk. Bn., seeing action in the Normandy, Rhineland and Ardennes-Alsace campaigns. His service record includes the winning of a Silver Star and a Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters.



COLONEL WILLIAM H. CRAIG

Commanding Officer
169th Infantry Regiment

COL. WILLIAM H. CRAIG, CO, 169th Inf. Regt., is another veteran of the Rhineland as well as the South France and Rome-Arno campaigns. A West Point graduate of 1934, he is entitled to wear the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Croix de Guerre and the French Legion of Honor.



LT. COL. FRANK J. YOTS

G-1

LT. COL. FRANK J. YOTS, Asst. C/S, G-1, has a distinguished career in the Central European campaigns. He also served in the German and Japanese occupations. Previously he was the Division Adjutant General. His present command began in September, 1950.

LT. COL. EDWARD W. BERRY

G-2

LT. COL. EDWARD W. BERRY, Asst. C/S, G-2, wears these citations: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Philippine Presidential Unit Citation. A veteran of Guadalcanal, the Solomons, Philippines and New Guinea, Berry left active duty in 1946 only to be recalled four years later as battalion commander of the 192d FA Bn.



LT. COL. FRANK G. RATLIFF

G-3

LT. COL. FRANK G. RATLIFF, Asst. C/S, G-3, has been a commissioned officer since 1939. He formerly served as executive officer, G-3, in V Corps Hq and as Bn CO, 70th AFA Bn. Wearer of the Bronze Star and the Asiatic-Pacific Medal, Ratliff was active in the India and Burma campaigns during World War II. He just recently assumed his 43d position.



LT. COL. DENTON C. ROUNTREE

G-4

LT. COL. DENTON C. ROUNTREE, Asst. C/S, G-4, making his first European tour, took his present post in July, 1952. He was active in the Solomons and Luzon campaigns. Commissioned in the Reserves in 1938, he became Lieutenant Colonel in 1951. He has received Philippine Liberation Citation and Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.



COLONEL JOHN A. SEITZ

Executive Officer
43rd Division Artillery

HISTORY



OF THE 43^D

History of the 43d Infantry Division

IN THE YEAR 1672 dark clouds of danger hung over the small village of Hartford, later to become capital of the State of Connecticut. From the green hills of the frontier came the dull beat of war drums. Reports circulated that the Indians were massing for attack, bent on driving the white man from the land. In Hartford's meeting house a man stood before the General Assembly and began reading from a curled roll of parchment.

"Four regiments of infantry shall be organized, one each in the counties of Hartford, New Haven, Fairfield and New London under a Sergeant Major who shall have command of all the regiments of soldiers within his County. In addition each regiment shall have in support a troop of Dragoons of at least 100 men apiece." A murmur of approval ran through the Assembly. For the first time in the history of the colony the militia, which was organized in 1637 to guard against disorder and raiders, was to become a regular military unit. Within days men were gathering on the village

greens with their flintlocks and fowling pieces. Fife and drum were sounded, and new flags were made—the flags that were to become the battle standards of the coming centuries.

From this beginning was to grow one of America's great fighting organizations—the 43d Infantry Division. The call to arms 280 years ago gave birth to four of the oldest military units in the Western Hemisphere, the 102d and 169th Infantry Regiments, and the 192d and 963d Field Artillery Battalions. Throughout the years they were to take part in every war fought by their country, defending their homes, winning their independence, preserving the union, and guarding their freedom. This gallant record of accomplishment is in essence the history of the United States.

With its four regiments of infantry the colony of Connecticut was able to thwart the murderous plans of the Indian King Philip, leader of 10,000 savage warriors. Since other colonies had not planned their defense, Indian bands roamed free-

Major General Leonard F. Wing, CG., 43rd Division, at his desk in the South Pacific Area.





Signal Corps wire crews landing on New Georgia beach in 1943.

ly, plundering towns and killing without opposition. In 1675 Connecticut sent five of its well-trained companies to help their neighbors. "There died many brave officers and sentinels," noted the Massachusetts General Assembly after the battle of Narragansett Swamp, "whose memory is blessed and whose death redeemed our lives. The bitter cold, the tarled swamp, the tedious march, the strong fort, the numerous and stubborn enemy they contended with, for their God, King, and Country, be their trophies over death . . ."

Five times again during the next turbulent century were these citizen soldiers called from their homes to consolidate the security of New England. In 1739 these early regiments received the names they were to keep for nearly 200 years. The Hartford County unit became the First Regiment of Militia, while the New Haven organization became the Second Regiment. From them came the 169th and 102d Infantry Regiments of today. The Fairfield and New London units became the Third and Fourth Regiments of Militia. From them stem the 192d and 963d Field Artillery Battalions. The spirit of independence from which

these units sprang persisted with stubborn tenacity.

Although not quite as old as the other two infantry regiments the history of the 172d is equally interesting. When a delegation from New York tried to take over some land grants in 1765, the Vermonters met them with muskets and drove them home. Also during this period Governors of New York tried to appoint commanders over the Vermont militia. Whenever one would arrive he was immediately sent back home with the message that no one would command a Vermont militia unit unless he were a Vermonter.

In 1775 the fires of independence exploded at Concord. The alarm flamed throughout the colonies with freedom as the prize. In May, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys from Vermont, together with New Hampshiremen, stormed Fort Ticonderoga and won surrender from a surprised, half-dressed British commander "in the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress." On June 14, 1776, the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia proclaimed the Army of the United States. Ten new rifle com-

panies were recruited and ordered to join the militiamen fighting the Redcoats at Boston.

"Stand forth, ye men of Connecticut," roared old Jonathan Trumbull, governor of the colony, to his Second Regiment, "and go defend your God and the country of your God." The men of Connecticut went to New York City where near the area of present-day Central Park they helped save General George Washington's young army from extinction. The following year they were in the decisive battles at Saratoga, said to be the turning point of the Revolution. In 1779 the Tory governor of New York, William Tyron, landed with 2600 British regulars at New Haven. There they were met by the old men and youths of the countryside, fighting under the banners of the Second Regiment. They pecked at Tyron's force, fought from the stone fences by the roadsides, ambushed the invaders in the woods, challenged them in Fairfield and finally drove them back to the sea.

When the Peace of Paris established the United States of America the theory of preparedness remained a bulwark of the young nation's philosophy. The militiamen returned to their farms and homes, but their training continued. Connecticut was reputed to have one of the best state organizations in the country.

In 1812, England and the new democracy across the sea clashed again. The war, however, was not popular in New England because it cut deeply into the prosperous shipping trade. Even so, some 3000 of Connecticut's militiamen volunteered as coastal defense guards to prevent a possible British invasion. The struggle was decided largely by sea action and the United States finally won its argument two years later.

The militia life of the 19th century was one of martial music, glittering uniforms, and enthusiastic drilling. Wives and sweethearts gathered along the village greens to watch their menfolk practice the manual of arms. In the armories, grand balls were held periodically—the officers appearing with shining swords and the enlisted men resplendent in medals and ribbons. Each regiment had its elite guard which was the pride of the city. The first had its Hartford Light Guard, the Colt Guard, the New Britain Grays, the Seymour Light Artillery, and many others. New Haven's Second included the Milford Grenadiers, the New Haven City Artillery, the National Blues,

Reeling out wire following the advancing troops on New Georgia.







and the famed New Haven Grays, formed in 1816 and still part of the official designation of the 102d Infantry Regiment.


On April 12, 1861, a cannon boomed across Charleston harbor and landed a ball on the ramparts of Fort Sumter. Slavery and states' rights had ruptured the union. The newly-elected President, Abraham Lincoln, "had an oath registered in Heaven" to preserve the nation, and he called for temporal assistance. From Connecticut streamed three regiments of volunteers. They assembled at New Haven in May and less than three months later had tasted battle at Bull Run. "At

7 o'clock Tuesday morning," wrote Brig. Gen. Daniel Tyler, their commander, "I saw three Connecticut regiments with 2000 bayonets, march under the guns at Fort Corcoran in good order, after having saved us not only a large amount of public property, but the mortification of seeing our standing camps fall into the hands of the enemy."

From Vermont came the men and muskets of the Green Hills, banded together as the First Volunteer Regiment. Ninety days after the war began, they traded volleys with the Confederates at the battle of Great Bethel, Va. On July 1, 1863, the Vermonters, rugged as the granite of their

152nd F. A. preparing to lay down an artillery barrage on Vanguua Island, New Georgia.



A black and white photograph capturing a combat scene in a dense jungle. In the lower-left foreground, a soldier wearing a helmet and carrying a large cylindrical tank on his back is crouched, aiming a flamethrower. A bright, intense flame and a large plume of white smoke erupt from the nozzle, directed towards a pillbox in the middle ground. To the right, another soldier is partially visible, also crouched. The background is filled with the thick foliage of tropical trees and plants. The overall scene conveys the intensity of jungle warfare.

*Flame thrower neutralizes a Jap pill-
box.*



Riflemen charge smoking pillbox near Munda Field, New Georgia.

hills, earned the motto of the 172d Infantry Regiment. "Put the Vermonters ahead," snorted General John Sedgwick in an order to his VI Corps, "and keep the files closed up."

Through the four fratricidal years the volunteers from New England took part in 15 campaigns. They were: Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Atlanta, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Petersburg, Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Cold Harbor and Appomattox. When General Robert E. Lee formally surrendered the Confederate Armies on April 9, 1865 New England caissons and rifles were among those drawn up before Appomattox Court House.

With the peace came a change in the militia. The National Guard of the United States was established three months after the war's end. The colorful uniforms of early days disappeared when regular army regalia was issued in 1886.

The First and Second Regiments mustered volunteers for action in the Spanish-American War of 1898 but the conflict ended before they could leave the country. Again in 1916 the First, along with the Second, was called to patrol the border

while regular army units roamed into Mexico after the bandit Pancho Villa. With the Guard came students from Yale University, who spent their summer vacations swabbing artillery barrels.

At this time the duel between the Allies and Central Powers in Europe thundered in American ears. The policy of neutrality dissolved before public opinion and the insistent attacks of German undersea boats, and the Americans came in with the Allies. In Connecticut, the Second Regiment became the 102d through a consolidation with the First. Thirty-five of its officers and 1582 enlisted men joined the 102d.

They became part of the 26th Yankee Division and when the United States formally entered the war in April, 1917, the 26th was ordered to France. Secret trains sped the troops to ports of embarkation, and by October the 26th Division was overseas. In creaking freight cars reserved for 40 men and 8 horses the 26th arrived at the front to bolster sagging Allied morale and helped blunt the German drive toward Paris. During the coming months the 102d was to spend much of its time in the front lines.

On the muddy fields of France, tangled with

barbed wire and covered with a rain of bullets, 4150 men in the regiment became battle casualties, including 476 killed in action. Before the war ended, the 102d had citations from Marshal Ferdinand Foch, General John J. Pershing, the American I Corps, and the 26th Division.

For the first time foreign names graced the battle streamers of the 102d—Ile de France, Lorraine, Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne. The soldiers returned home to heroes' welcome.

With the lessons learned from the Great War, Congress passed the National Defense Act in 1920 to streamline the nation's military establishment. Units in Connecticut were organized, grouped together, and designated the 169th Infantry. A second regiment was named the 170th, but popular sentiment reclaimed its World War I title of 102d in 1924. In 1921 the 172d Infantry also received its name, as did the 192d Field Artillery.

These historic, battle-tested units were consolidated into the 43d Infantry Division, which was officially born on March 21, 1925. The 43d was one of two National Guard divisions in the I Corps area, the other being the 26th in Massachusetts. The symbol of the 43d became a grape-leaf from the Vineland of Leif Erickson's day, 900 years before. Organization within the 43d moved at a fast pace. The infantry included the 172d from Vermont, the 103d from Maine, and the 169th and 102d from Connecticut. From Rhode Island came the Signal troops, Engineers and Ordnance. In addition, all four states contributed personnel to the Quartermaster, Artillery and Medical Corps. Present day names appeared on the roster — the 118th Medical Battalion in 1922, 43d Signal Company in 1925, and the 118th Engineers in 1926. The 743d Ordnance Maintenance Company was formed in 1942, as was the 43d Reconnaissance Company. The Division's modern 143d Tank Battalion was known as the 118th Motorcycle Company in 1924, and as Company D of the 191st Tank Battalion fought in Italy in World War II.

With this organization came training; training that was soon destined to be put to the test of combat.

On December 7, 1941, black specks moving in a blunted-V formation against a cloudless morning sky, spilled death on Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian chain. The American Pacific fleet was badly mauled and the United States found itself at war. Nearly 10 months before troops of the 43d Division had been alerted for federal service

and sent to Camp Blanding, Fla. They trained with mock rifles and dummy artillery in summer maneuvers in Louisiana and the Carolinas. At Camp Shelby, Miss., the 192d Field Artillery Regiment was converted into a battalion and several of its batteries went to Fort Bragg, N. C., where they became the 963d Field Artillery Battalion. Later the 963d was sent to England and then to France, where it fought in five campaigns "From Normandy to the Elbe." The 102d was separated from the Division when the 43d was triangularized in early 1942 and went to the Pacific theater. Two provisional companies of military police were formed from the 102d and served with the Tenth Army on Okinawa.

In late September, 1942, the Division left Fort Ord, Cal., and sailed westward across the Pacific. The Guardsmen, together with fillers from throughout the nation, landed at New Zealand and then New Caledonia when reports arose that the victorious Japanese armies, smashing southward, were poised for invasion. The 172d, a separate regimental combat team, was aboard the ill-starred transport *President Coolidge* which struck a mine and sank in Espiritu Santo harbor in October. The regiment's rigid training had an early pay-off that day. Only one man went down with the vessel.

This man, Captain Elwood Euart, 103d FA Bn, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for saving over 200 lives. When the mine exploded, Euart was in one of the holds with his troops. One stair well was damaged and the listing of the ship made the other unusable so Euart tied each man to a rope and they were hauled out, one by one. After the last man had been saved, Euart tied the rope onto himself but before he could be pulled out, the ship capsized.

In the southwest Pacific the Japanese advance had been ground to a halt. Marines stormed ashore on Guadalcanal, and in February 1943, were joined by the 43d. As the Division moved toward the island, Jap planes struck at the convoy, giving the infantrymen their first sample of modern combat. A few days after the Guadalcanal landing other units of the Division occupied Russell Island without opposition.

Now the stage was set for Munda, the battle for an air strip. Two companies of the 103d cleared the southern underbelly of New Georgia Island while the 172d secured Rendova Island from where 155 mm Long Toms hurled devastation at the enemy. On July 5, bushy-haired natives led the invaders through the pale green water





and white-frothed coral into the placid water of Roviana Lagoon on New Georgia. While the rest of the 172d was brought ashore, patrolling parties fanned out into the forbidding jungle. They would find a strongpoint, solidly dug in; log, sod, and coral-covered, with numerous smaller but equally well-constructed machine gun nests nearby. They were to find many in the next few weeks.

The 169th arrived the following day. Banzai-crying waves of Nip infantrymen surged out at them, asking no quarter, yielding none. The battle was measured in yards gained or lost . . . and on casualty rosters. Throughout the jungle the enemy was virtually buried alive in his pillboxes, except for small firing slits. They lay there for days, dealing death with fanatic abandon at the New Englanders. Often these minute bastions were discovered only by the stench which arose from them.

It was here that Lieutenant Robert Scott, a former New Mexico school teacher, won the Division's first Congressional Medal of Honor when he single-handedly held a vital hill against fanatical charges by screaming Japs.

On August 5 the air strip was secured, even though it took a month longer to clear the island. Two days after clearing the strip American bombers were winging northward against the retreating enemy. The weary infantrymen heard Radio Tokyo call the 43d Division "The Bloody Butchers of Munda."

Following the capture of Munda the 43d was sent to New Zealand for rest and recuperation. Friendships between the soldiers and New Zealanders were renewed, and more than a hundred Division men were married during this time. The following months passed in more training, and in June 1944, the Division once again went into battle, this time on New Guinea. Through the matted jungle, pierced with the screechings of wild beasts and enemy soldiers, the 43d fought and repulsed the Japanese at the bloody battle of the Drinimuor River. This sharp engagement prevented the enemy from breaking out of the Wewak Trap at Aitape.

In late 1944 the Division sailed northward. Destination: the Philippine Islands. On January 9th, 1945, Division troops stormed ashore on Luzon. Their mission was to keep the enemy bottled up while other units of the Sixth Army struck toward Manila. Between the period from the 15th to

An American Soldier stands over a dead Jap, lying beside his knocked out tank.

the 20th of January all line battalions of the 169th won Presidential Unit Citations. The heavy fighting extended over a large front, and rear area troops were constantly exposed to artillery fire and roving bands of snipers. The 43d Signal Company handled the prodigious task of keeping the far-flung Division units in constant radio contact.

The 43d was then moved to the Fort Stotsenberg area to eliminate the virulent nodules of resistance centered in the Zambales Mountains. During this action a rugged Pennsylvania sergeant named Robert Laws took a pill box loaded with enemy machine gunners and won the 43d's second Congressional Medal of Honor. After crushing the Shimbu Line east of Manila the 43d spearheaded an assault on Ipo Dam, main source of the city's water supply, capturing it intact after blasting formidable Shinshu Fortress. For this

skillful maneuver the first battalion of the 172d won its Presidential Unit Citation.

On Luzon the 43d was commanded by a wiry, red-haired ex-lawyer from Vermont named Leonard F. Wing. Under General Wing's command the 43d killed more of the enemy than any other American division on Luzon, and from him it was to receive the nom de guerre, "Winged Victory Division."

The 43d was in training for Operation Olympic, the proposed grand assault on the Japanese home islands, when atomic clouds over Hiroshima heralded final victory. Within two weeks after the surrender, the Division landed in Japan to serve briefly on occupation duty.

In the fall of 1945 the men of the 43d Division turned their backs on a desolated Orient. Great transports, now sailing an ocean once again pa-

Jap prisoners, who preferred capture to hara-kiri, await removal to stockade at Luzon.





Interior of one of the wards of the Division Hospital.

cific, took them home.

"I wouldn't give a million dollars for my experiences," said a veteran as his ship docked at San Francisco, "but I wouldn't give a dime to go through it again."

This was the spirit of soldiers who had done their job—fought the deadliest battles of the world's deadliest wars and brought back victory. With the Division came the record of two Congressional Medals of Honor, 40 Distinguished Service Crosses, two Distinguished Service Medals, 736 Silver Stars, 53 Legions of Merit, more than 10,600 Purple Hearts, 51 Soldiers Medals, 2496 Bronze Stars, and 27 Air Medals. Emblazoned on the battle standards were the names Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Northern Solomons, and Luzon.

Following its release from active service at Camp Stoneman, Cal., in November 1945, the 43d was disbanded. The following year, however, it once again was re-activated with its home station in Hartford. Under Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer, the 43d's present commander, the Division's 102d Infantry Regiment was the first unit of its size to receive federal recognition in October, 1946. The 169th became the second, and by March, 1949, the entire 43d completed the process of re-organization, one of the first of the National Guard divisions to do so. For the young recruits and combat veterans that made up its complement came weekly drills and summer training at Camp Edwards, Mass., Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., and Pine Camp, N. Y.

The 43d marched to Pine Camp in the summer of 1950 against the backdrop of conflict in Korea. Within weeks the threat of spreading aggression called four National Guard divisions to active service. Among them were the 40th California, and the 45th from Oklahoma, both destined for Korea; Pennsylvania's 28th, and the 43d, both of which were to go to Germany.

On September 5th, the 43d began rolling from New England to Camp Pickett, Va. Within a few weeks fillers from throughout the nation were arriving and a vigorous training program was launched. "We had 28 weeks to prepare for combat," later revealed General Cramer, who left his post as chief of the National Guard Bureau to join his Division on active duty. In February, 1951, 3400 men from the Division left for combat duty in Korea. Soon letters were coming from Pacific APO's attesting to the high caliber of training the soldiers had received with the 43d in the Virginia reservation. New recruits came in and were assigned to basic training battalions fashioned from the infantry regiments. Along Route 40 the new infantrymen, in their green fatigues, learned the rudiments of soldiering during the warm spring months. Meanwhile, the rest of the Division went into an advanced training cycle—night marches, problems of defense and attacks, teaming with Air Force fight-bombers in combined exercises. Following a rating of excellent for its training by an Army Inspector General's team in May, the 43d moved northward to the tent city of A. P. Hill Military Reservation for six



*Embarking at Guadalcanal for a rest in New Zealand.
Men load boats with equipment for movement of forward echelon.*



weeks of early summer field exercises. There, on July 10, its soldiers learned they had been selected for European duty.

But first there was the final examination, Exercise Southern Pine, the largest Army-Air Force maneuver since World War II. The 43d was part of 110,000 men who ranged through the hot sand hills near Fort Bragg, N. C., in a three-week problem to repel a force of "invaders." After returning to Camp Pickett, packing, processing, and furloughs occupied the final weeks in the states. On October 11 the 43d's leading elements marched through the rainy streets of Norfolk and boarded transports for their trip to Europe.

Shipboard life passed smoothly, except for the Division's fourth increment whose transport collided with an Argentinian liner near Bremerhaven and sent it to the bottom. Division personnel helped rescue the survivors and not one life was lost.

On the afternoon of October 20, 43d boots thudded onto the docks at Bremerhaven, heralding the first time a National Guard division had landed in Europe in time of peace.

After passing through Camp Y-79, the staging area near Mannheim, Division troops were sent to their permanent stations in southern Germany.

The rear detachment closed on 15 November 1951. Training began immediately in the woods and fields of Bavaria. When furloughs came, the soldiers, most of them in Europe for the first time, went off to scout the historical points of the continent.

With spring came the first rotation order, and throughout the summer, men began the return trip home and to civilian life. Many chose to stay on and were joined by replacements fresh from Stateside training camps. Through this excitement of furloughs and rotation ran the persistent theme of training, and more training. The Division's primary mission remained the same: readiness for combat.

The history of the 43d Infantry Division is not complete. It is being created daily by soldiers whose unique trust is to preserve the peace by strength and readiness to defend it. The 43d is part of an experiment new to Europe; an experiment whereby the free nations of the West have joined together in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Defense Community in an unparalleled effort of unity. When tomorrow's history is written, prominently featured will be the accomplishments of the 43d Infantry Division.

Two GIs stand guard over a former "sake" warehouse at Chichibu, Honshu, Japan.





43d “Winged Victory” INFANTRY DIVISION



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IN REVIEW



A company of the 172d Inf. Regt. prepares to leave its home town in Vermont for summer field training.





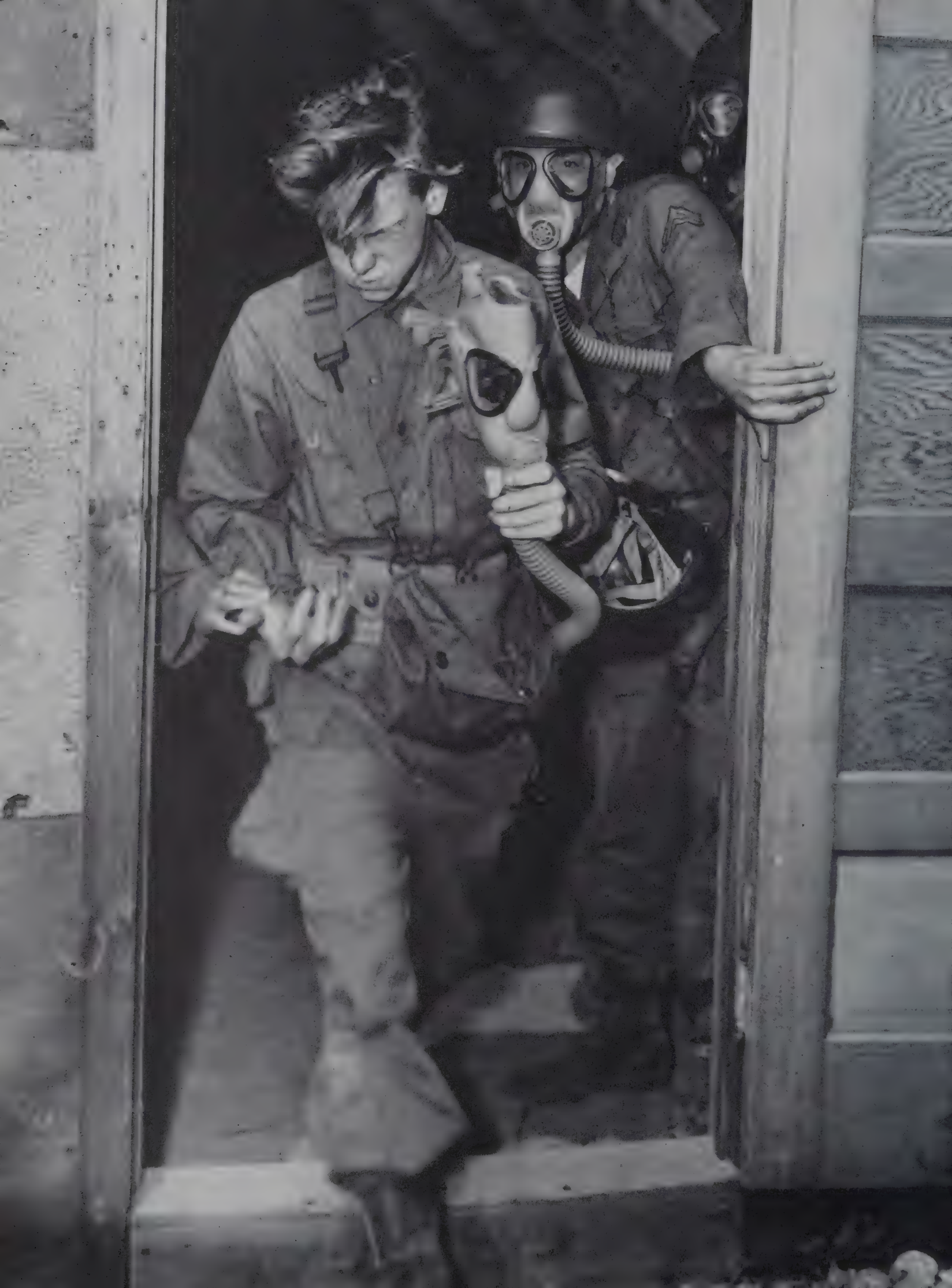
Men from 1st Bn. 169th Inf. Regt. returning from problem at Pine Camp, N. Y.



Demonstration of 75 mm. recoilless rifle at Pine Camp, N. Y.



National Guard Troops receiving training on 57 mm. recoilless rifle.



Left: Gas chamber at Pine Camp.

Men of 118th Engr. Bn. tightening the cable for a river crossing operation.



Filling the pontoons.

Almost ready for use.





A veteran sergeant of the 43d gives a new recruit some advice on the firing range.



Rifle range, Camp Edwards, Massachusetts.





Back in Hartford after a two weeks' summer camp tour, men of the 43d Infantry Division lug their barracks bags into the State Armory as the adjacent State Capitol's dome hovers over them.





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IN REVIEW





A 43rd Division Battalion passes at "Eyes Right".



The Artillery passes in review at Camp Pickett, Va.



Well, it was like this, boys—Wm. D. Townsend, 105-year-old Confederate veteran of Olla, La., tells two 43d soldiers, Charles L. Rudasill and Wm. V. Camp, about the old days.

T I & E is a weekly subject at Camp Pickett.





Maj. Gen. John W. (Iron Mike) O'Daniel, infantry training inspector at Army Field Forces, tells a few things to prospective non-commissioned officers.

Col. Leslie Babcock and Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer open new Service Club at Camp Pickett.





Hundreds of hours of flying time piled up by division.



An L-16 ready to swoop low in order to snare message packet steadied by Pts. Eugene Rychlewski and Robt. C. Johnson.



Code school at Camp Pickett saw hundreds of men schooled in wireless and radio communications.





Men of the 43d briefed on what to expect from guerrilla attack.



Pvt. Robert J. Gallick, Pvt. Richard Norton and Pvt. Charles G. Hilgendorf are interested in mine detector.



Alphonse Normandia

You've been with the 43d for quite some time, eh Cranston??



An Aggressor armored moves forward during Exercise Southern Pine.



Col. C. F. Hutt of the British War Office checks his aim with a recoilless rifle.



Stripping a 57 mm recoilless rifle are Sgt. Elwin Rybaliewicz and Sgt. Wm. Mossa.





Governor Chester Bowles of Connecticut visits training area at Camp Pickett, Va

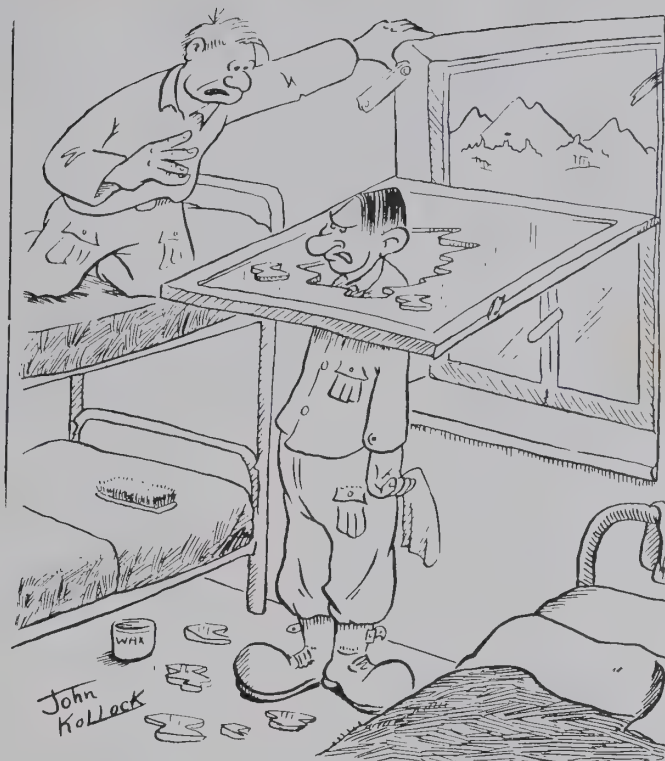


"Shoo!"





... So I laughed in his face. "Lieutenant," I said, "You can't do a thing to me. My name is on orders to go home tomorrow."



Why didn't you do it before I cleaned the window?



Recruit Rudolph Foley aims at a surprise target as Sgt. Alexander Chemistruck keeps a critical eye on him.





The Camp Pickett ranges are testing the men of the 172d Inf. Regt. as training progresses.





Men of 1st Bn. 102d firing on 30 cal transition range.



Two 2d Bn. 102d training veterans watch a recruit on the machine gun transition range.



Firing the 60 mm. mortar at Camp Pickett.

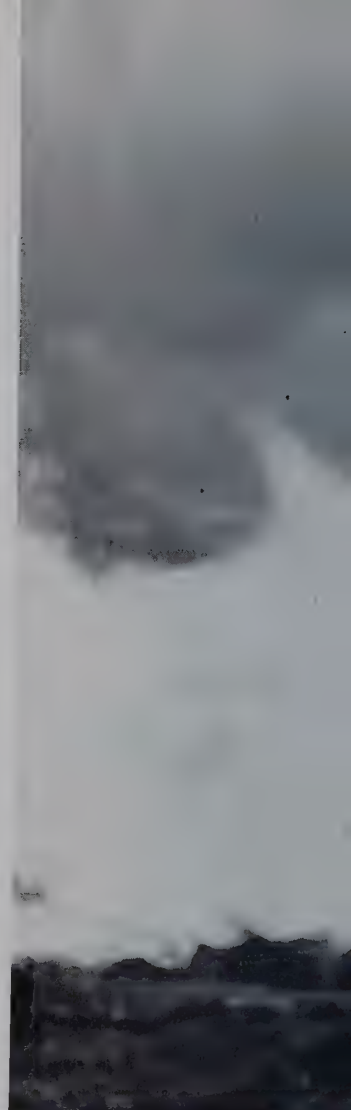




I'm glad you're feeling OK . . . We were a bit worried when we found we had mistaken tomato juice for plasma!



The target disappears in smoke as Sgt. John R. Dalton fires a burst from his portable flame thrower.







Pvt. Jack L. McGown finds it's a tough life for an M.P. on the infiltration course.



But Sarge, didn't you tell us to adapt ourselves to the surrounding terrain?





One test for the infantrymen—the confidence course with combat pack.



All men of the 43d go through



ay and night infiltration courses.



On the bazooka range at Camp Pickett, Va.







Men of the 102d Inf. Regt. Tank Co. on their way to the Desert Armored Training Center.



Tank at target practice in the field.



General of the Army, Dwight D. Eisenhower conversing with General Kenneth F. Cramer, Commanding General of the 43d Division,

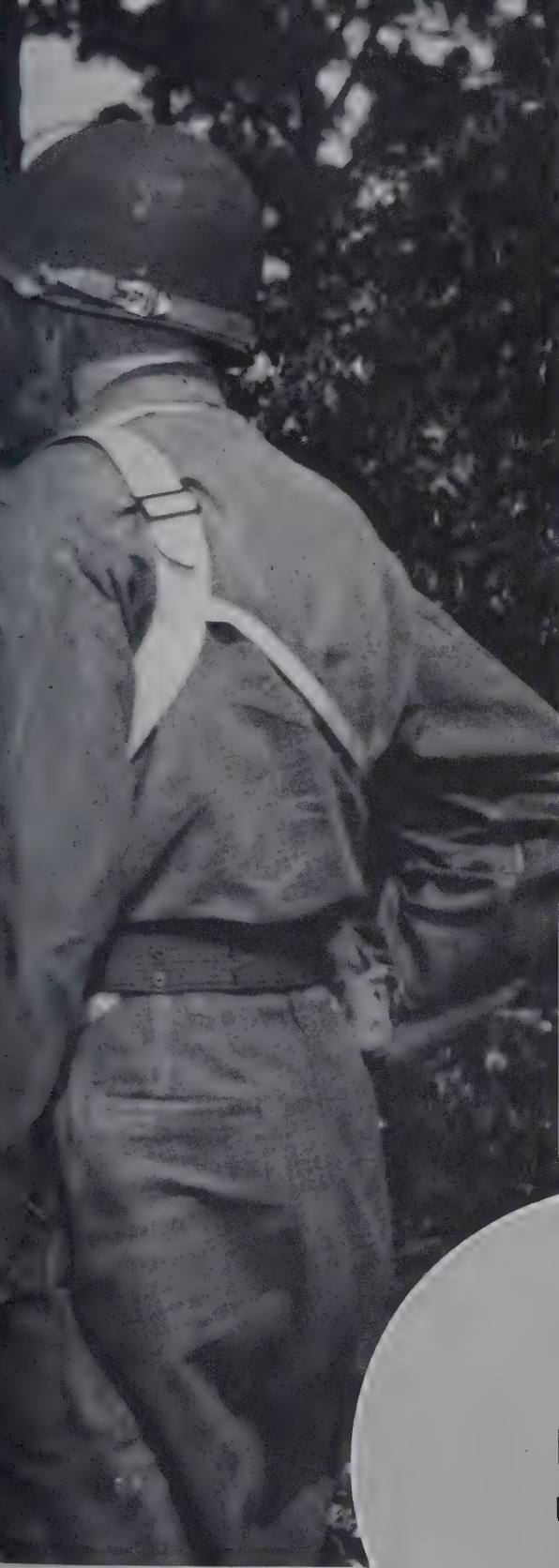
Brig. Gen. Wm. H. Naylor, assistant division CG, addresses a graduating class.



Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Maj. Gen. Kramer and Sect. of the Army, Frank Pace, visit the 172d Inf. Regt.



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PINE**

IN REVIEW



EXERCISE

Southern Pine

1951







Signalman takes down radio message.



Left: Stringing field wire at Camp Pickett.

Signalmen find maze of wires no problem.





A short halt during Exercise Southern Pine.

Platoon moving from rear assembly area prior to attack.





172nd Infantry Regiment moves back from the front lines.



Troops of the 43d Inf. Div. make a tactical advance.

Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 172nd Regiment moves into defense area.





Vehicles moving men of 172nd Regt. through the scrub pines.

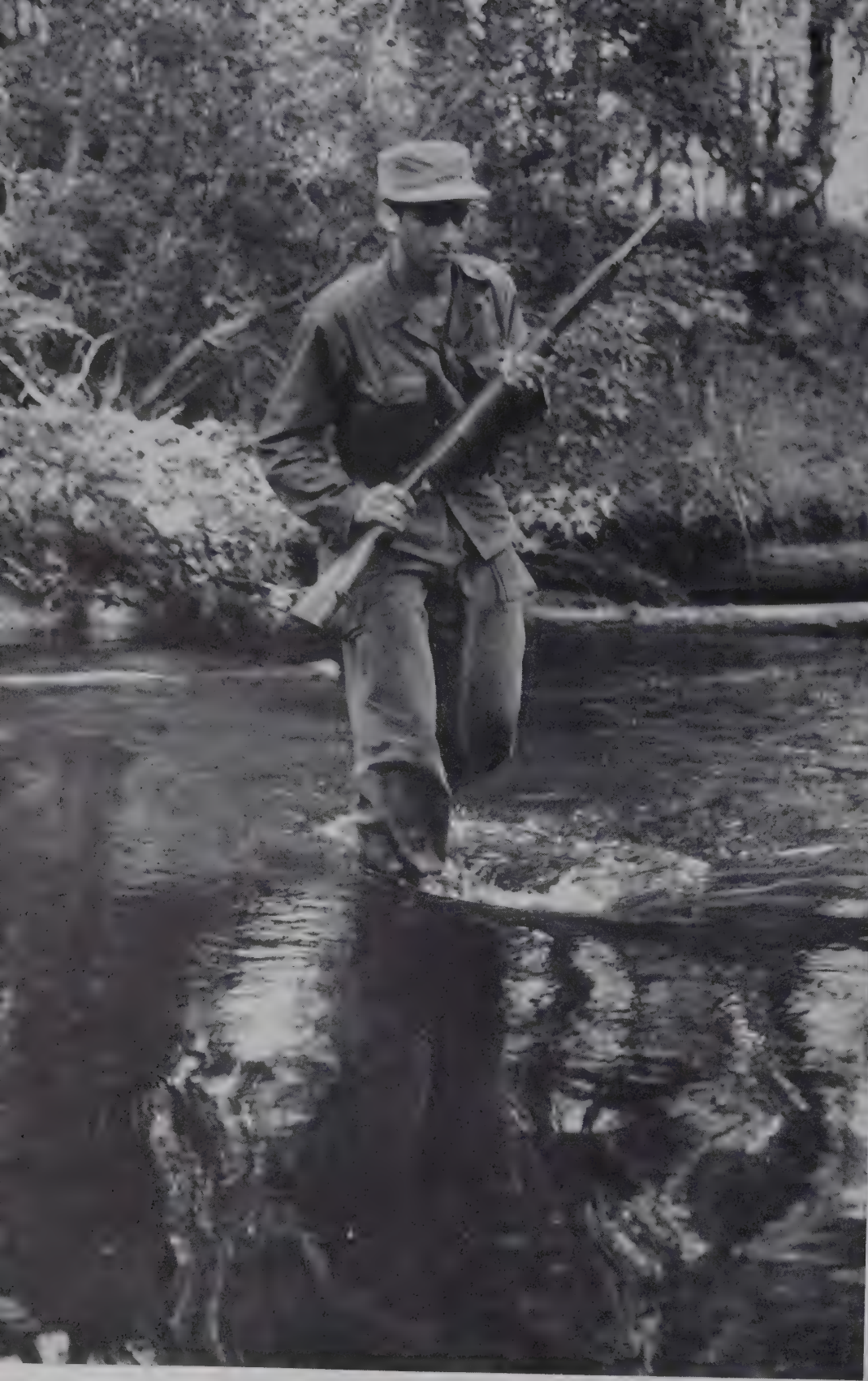
All in a day's work—all-weather training makes hardy, well-conditioned troops.





Loading jeep on home-made pontoons. P.S.—it didn't float.





Ranger, Pfc. Joseph Urbana holds his rifle at high port as he fords stream.



Rangers advance down a dusty road during Exercise SOUTHERN PINE.







Vehicular camouflage.

Left: Digging foxholes—and weeds.

Reconnaissance party bunched over map.





Pts. Kenneth Ross and Amos Wishard man a machine gun.



Pts. James E. Brice and Fred L. Manning guard Bailey Bridge.





Pvt. Jack Johnson guides vehicles through mine field.



Infantrymen of Co. A, 169th Infantry Regiment, man 60 mm. mortar.



On the alert for "Aggressor" troops. Cpl. Wm. Spring and Pvt. Isaac R. Brown.

t. Patrick J. Caffney mans 37 mm. AA gun.





Some Aggressor propaganda literature dropped from planes



given the "horse laugh" by members of K Co.



A three-man reconnaissance patrol crouches warily in the brush during a night problem.



Three Aggressors awaiting attack by U. S. forces.



*Two 43d Division machine gunners waiting
for the 'enemy' during Exercise
Southern Pine.*





*"Prisoner" being searched by M.P.
during Exercise SOUTHERN PINE.*

*Picture at right: Col. Ferguson takes
prisoner by Lt. Perwin.*

*Simulated dead enjoy a swim—under
guard.*





Picture at right: Pvt. Francis G. Pocius operates walkie talkie radio.



Upon completion of problem, Lt. Allen Zenowitz radios message to company headquarters.



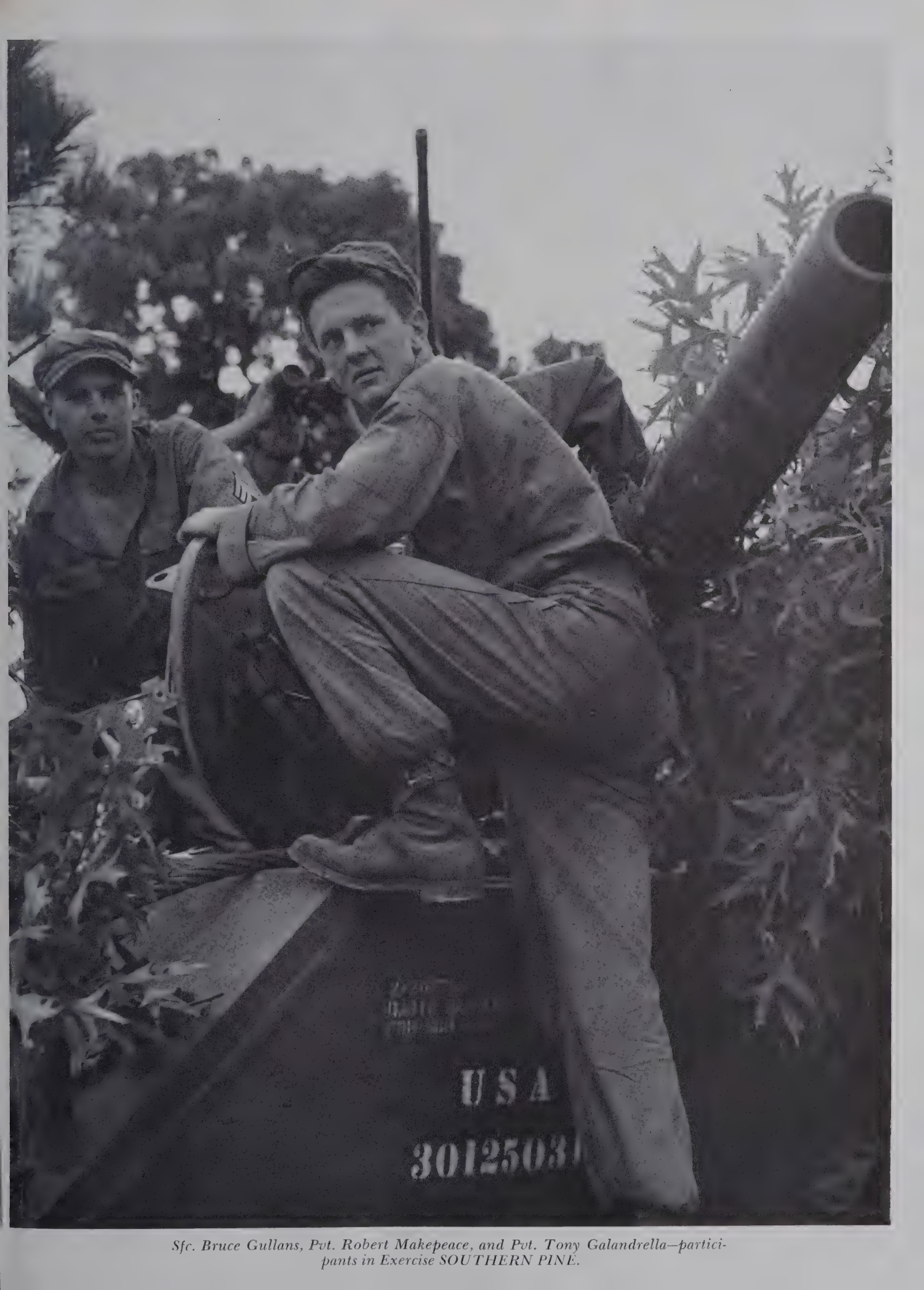
Cpl. Harry Zarkos, left, and Sgt. John Apuzzo handle communication between headquarters and the firing range.







Tank from 143d TK. Bn. moves into the attack.



Sfc. Bruce Gullans, Pvt. Robert Makepeace, and Pvt. Tony Galandrella—participants in Exercise SOUTHERN PINE.



Vehicles of the 102d Inf. Regt. halt to look over the scene during a field problem at A. P. Hill Military Reservation.

Infantrymen follow a tank through a field at Camp Pickett, Va.





Infantrymen of the 43d Winged Victory Div. jump down after hitching a ride on a Sherman tank.

Company A, 143d Tank Battalion roars into an assembly area.





Some may ride while others walk in an infantry-tank team problem.

Infantrymen fan out ahead of their supporting tank in an infantry-tank team problem at Camp Pickett.





Aggressor tanks lock with 43d Division units in the field at Exercise SOUTHERN PINE.





Infantrymen of 43d Inf. Div. hop off tank during air attack.



Pvt. Pat Lupo takes the cover of his jeep.



Smoke screen, which will cover advancing troops, is obtained by firing white phosphorus smoke shell.



*Aggressor tank crew struggles to free its tank from deep mud before
43d troops overtake them.*



A tank retriever crew, of the 743d Ordnance Maintenance Company, rewinds the winch in an operation at A. P. Hill Military Reservation, Va.





Ranger patrol leader SFC Frank Harris gets map briefing from Capt. Victor R. Harwood.





*Two Rangers of the 43d Division's Ranger Co.
are briefed before their jump.*



G - e - r - o - n - i - m - o .



2nd Lt. John H. Dierks of the 13th Ranger Airborne checks his men's equipment.



Pvt. Clarence W. Poindexter lays a smoke screen during a river crossing operation.



Plenty of bridges were built by the 118th Engineer Bn. in its training at Camp Pickett, Va.



Pvt. Raymond L. Coffey and Pvt. Paul A. Markley hurriedly set up their 60 mm mortar.



Pvt. Wm. Schilling and Pvt. Kenneth Yuen firing automatic rifle.

Camouflage net covers the security position of these machine gunners.





Personnel of Battery "A" 103d Field Artillery



...talion operating a 155 mm. Howitzer.



George Company men inside perimeter.

Right—Cpl. Thomas W. Myers tends to his housekeeping chores.

Cpl. Henry Polstein and partner Cpl. Kay Symmestvedt running a survey.







Weary soldier, Pvt. David Keeton, keeps the letters going home.

M/Sgt. Fred W. Caldwell takes time for a refreshing drink.







43d "Nature Boys", Sgt. James R. Shoop, Pfc. Michael Grosso (center) and Cpl. Richard Fisher (right).

C-Rations make a tasty meal when you're hungry.



Cpl. Leon Boucher operates shower for Cpl. Wilbur H. Cowan.





Every time you fire it, you clean it; that's the rule in the artillery.

Tank machine guns get regular cleaning.



WHO, ME? Dodie O'Neill, vocalist with Gene Krupa's band, asks—when asked for her pass.



Cpl. John Arruzza cleans the breech block of a 105 mm howitzer.





*"California, here comes the 102d Inf. Regt. Tank
Co. men!"*

*Lt. General Edward H. Brooks and Major General Kenneth F. Cramer study one
of many maps.*





Dental Clinic in field operation.



All he wants for Christmas—and now.

That's the army for you — drill, drill, drill.




Building bridges indoors.

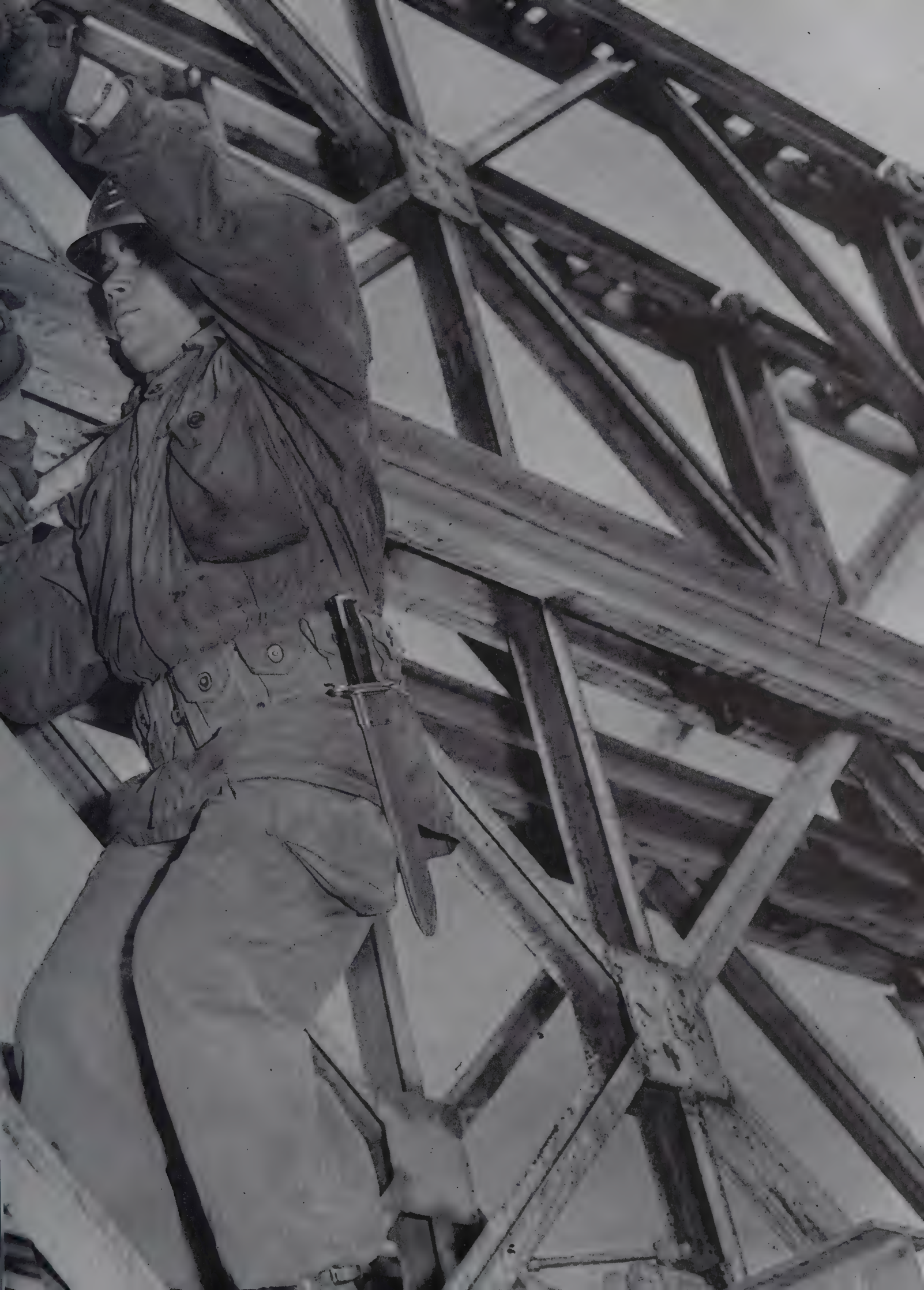


Infantryman at sunrise.





*Pfc. Geo. Paniwozik and Pfc. Philip Gorthia
building Bailey Bridge.*





Swing 'er hard!



ASSIGNMENT TO

Europe



A heap of clothes for Sgt. Wm. Jones to take overseas. Cpl. Edward H. Sasso (seated), Sgt. Ben Jacobs and Sfc. Edward Johnson keep tabs.

Pvt. Carl Retzback and Cpl. Brian King get ready for a tough winter.





Ordnance personnel worked long hours to prepare the division's material for overseas.



Wrapping equipment in water-proof paper.



Pfc. Lucian Mlynarczyk and Pfc. Geo. Sloan clean .45 calibre pistols before packing them away.



Pfc. Richard Wheeler, Cpl. Rudolph Martin and Cpl. John Alden put final squeeze on packing job.

Weighing in 43d Division weapons crated for shipment to Europe.





Privates Wm. Stiff, James Newberry, Lester A. Wray and Bobby Wingfield prepare for shipment, a 105 howitzer with a heavy coat of cosmoline.

Helmets receive a new coat of paint as the Division prepares for its final review.





*Welding paint brushes are Cpl. Robert E. Curry and
Pvt. Arthur A. Rickard.*



Trucks are boarded up for move to Germany.

Each piece of equipment is marked for ready identification.



Richmond USO baked a farewell cake for the division

Stacks of jeep windshields are ready for the trip abroad.





WESTERN
UNION
To Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Division
Richmond, Virginia
We bid you farewell.
With much love,
Good Luck and God Bless You.
Love
Richmond U.S.O.



The troops moved by bus to Hampton Roads POE.



Line of troops waiting to board buses in early morning.



Top VIP's approach the reviewing stand. Leading are Gov. John Davis Lodge, Conn., General Mark Clark



with General Cramer, and flanked by Lt. Col. R. B. Johnson.



Hqs. Co. Troops pass in review during the 43d Div. 1st Incre-



ment parade through the rainy streets of Norfolk, Va.

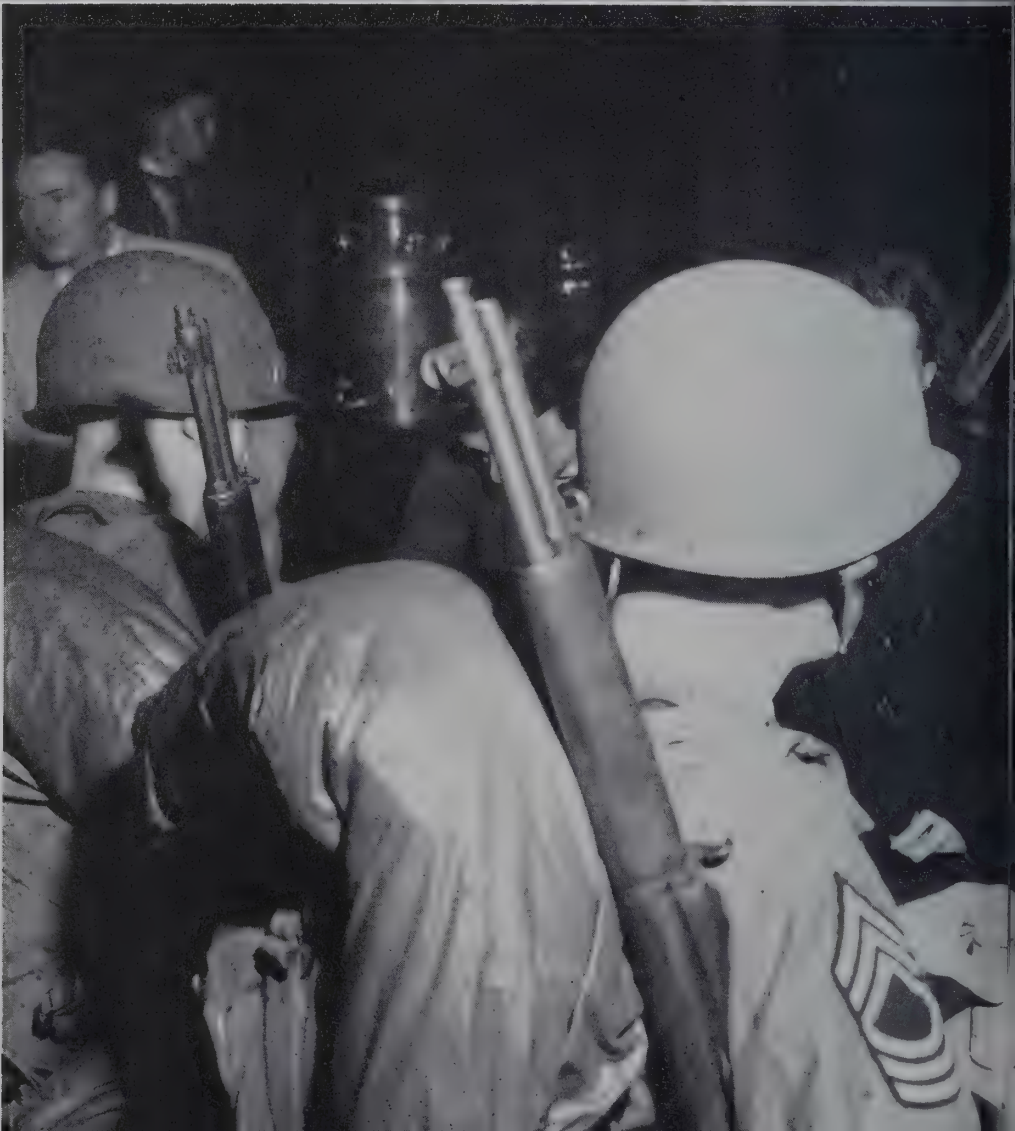




The 43d Div. Band, led by CWO Alexander DiFronzo, passes the reviewing stand as they lead the first increment of the 43d Inf. Div.



Soldiers awaiting orders to board ship.





Red Cross volunteers serve coffee and doughnuts before boarding ship.



"Haven't I seen you some place?"



A division soldier sets foot on the platform at Augsburg, Germany.



*The General William H. Butner which brought troops of the
102d Inf. Regt. overseas.*



Chow line, USNS General Butner, at sea, October, 1951.

Mealtime on a troop transport bringing the 43d to Germany.





Chapel service, Chaplain Martineau (Navy) at sea.

General Cramer chats with Captain Khoury on the General Butner.





A mid-morning concert is given by 43d Div. band.



CWO Alexander DiFronzo conducting.



The 11,500 ton Argentine liner Manipu sank 15 miles off the coast of Germany after colliding with the USNS Gen. Hersey which carried troops of the 43d Div. to Bremerhaven, Germany.





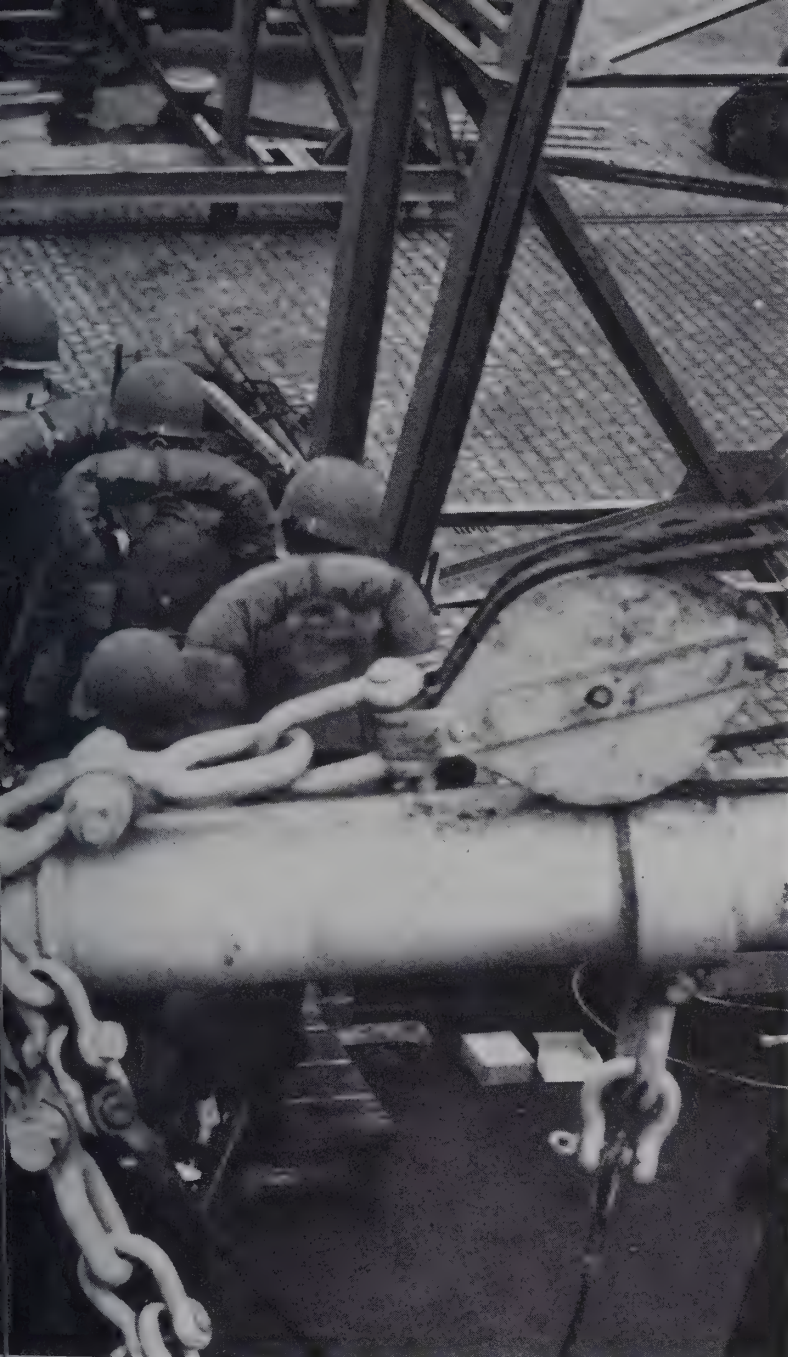
The band huddles in ponchos on the deck as the division arrives in Bremerhaven.



"I see land," say these 43d soldiers as their troopship, the BUTNER, moves up the English Channel.



Members of the 43d Div. Band are checked off the USNS Gen. William H. Butner as they debark for Augsburg, via Bremerhaven.



Troops of the 102d Inf. Regt., 43d Div. leave the Gen. Butner and assemble for the welcoming ceremonies.





Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer, C. G. of the 43d Inf. Div., speaks at the ceremony welcoming the first increment of his division.



Regimental colors dip in salute to General Cramer during division welcome at Constabulary football game in Munich.





General Thomas T. Handy, EUCOM commander, welcomes the 43d Division to Germany at Bremerhaven. Center background, Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer.





Cooks and KP's at Y-79, Seventh Army staging area, dish out a hot meal to the incoming troops.





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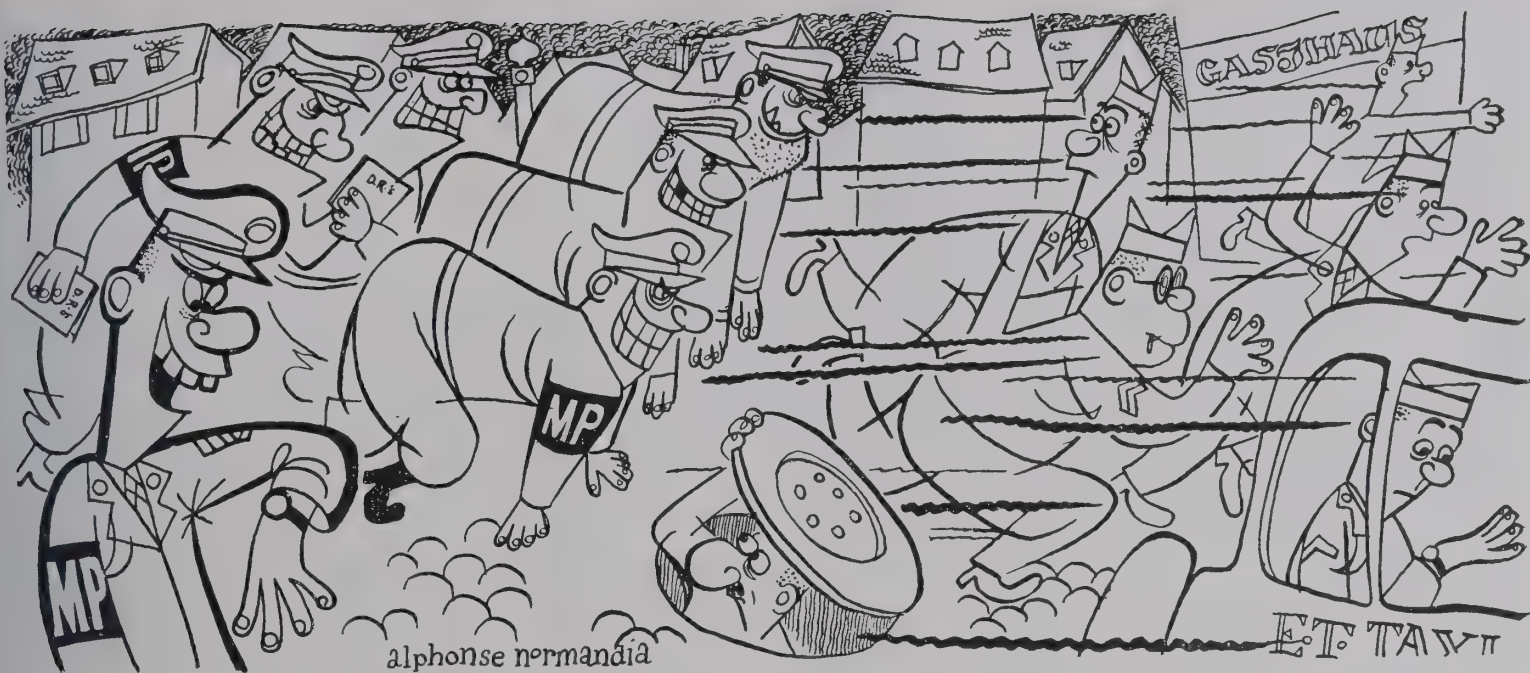
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**LIFE IN
GERMANY**

IN REVIEW

Two 169th Inf. Regt. soldiers move their gear into wall lockers in Nurnberg kaserne.





"All right men. It's now twelve seconds to midnight. Eleven seconds, ten, nine, eight . . ."

Pfc. Louis Nekola, 43d MP Co., checks the trip ticket of Pfc. Earl L. Ballantine, right and Cpl. William Crossley.





Typical German street scene.



Shutter bugs recording springtime in Munich.



Pvt. Geo. O. Saver, Cpl. Symford Ebut, and Sfc. Donald P. Couture inspect old armor.

Sergeant, you'd better watch these replacements from the 2nd Armored Division. I just caught Cranston goldbricking in the cellar while his uniform stood inspection!



alphonse normandia



M/Sgt. Geo. W. Reynolds and Sgt. Donald P. Couture sightseeing at Schloss Lichten Stein near Camp de Munsingen, Germany.



Beer steins are popular items for Christmas presents.



Sgt. Hal Ginsburg looks from the shattered ramparts of Hitler's one-time Obersalzberg home near Berchtesgaden.



*Three men on pass from the 118th Engineer Battalion stroll through Ger-
misch.*

The "Topper's Club". Sgt. Mack W. Hendon, Sgt. Ray Zurawski, Sfc. James York, Club Manager, Sfc. David A. Mangum and WO Herbert W. White.





*43d Divisioner's visit Casa Carioca ice review
at Garmisch Recreation Area.*



Cpl. Kenneth E. Stepler stands guard at 169th Inf. Regt. Headquarters at Flint Kaserne in Bad Tolz.





It wasn't like this back in the Armory

Yes, and the 43d's second year of federal duty was a lot different from the first.....

Not many men are left who remember the days of the Armory, or...

YOU THINK IT WAS EASY?
DIGGING A SLIT TRENCH
IN A CEMENT FLOOR??



A. P. Hill Military Reservation or...

WOTTAYA WANT TO
DO TONIGHT? GO TO THE
PX AND THEN SLEEP?
OR JUST SLEEP?

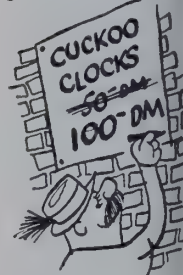


even Southern Pine. Some might remember...

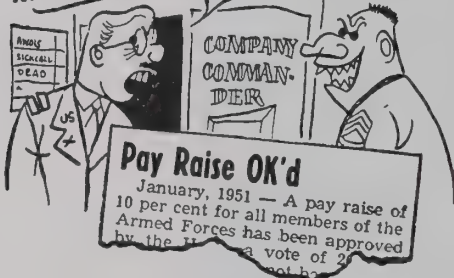
you men are captured-
I'm a simulated
platoon!?



our welcome to Bavaria, but we all can remember these headlines...



sergeant- the pay raise comes through this payday... there must be some more things we can ask donations for-



Pay Raise OK'd

January, 1951 - A pay raise of 10 per cent for all members of the Armed Forces has been approved by the Division...

I SURE PITY THE FOOT SOLDIERS
OUT IN COLD WEATHER LIKE THIS



Div Arty Trains In Cold Weather

January, 1951 - Drifting snow, icy country roads and ankle deep...

OBOY-WHAT IS CHRISTMAS
WITHOUT OCHSENSCHWANSUPPE,
KALBZÜNGERL AND SAUERKRAUT!



43d Men Visit German Families

January, 1951 - German families in the Division...

GOOD THING IT
AIN'T SO MUDDY
TODAY -

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR BAKER
COMPANY - THEY DISAPPEARED IN
THE MUD TWO DAYS AGO....



Infantrymen Open Training Season

February, 1951 - The 43d's three infantry regiments, the 102d, the 172d and the 169th, opened their winter training...

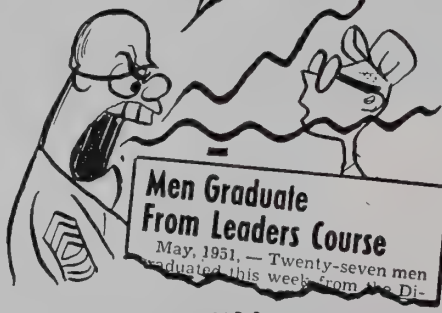
these Bavarians sure
know how to have a
good time....



Fasching Season

February, 1951 - In Germany a peculiar type of madness called Fasching sweeps over the land...

OH-SO THEY DIDN'T APPROVE OF MY
LEADERSHIP METHODS AT LADIDA SCHOOL, EH??
GET BACK ON THAT
*0%## **MOP!**



Men Graduate From Leaders Course

May, 1951 - Twenty-seven men graduated this week from the Division...

AND WHAT DO YOU
WANT TO BE WHEN YOU
GROW UP, FRITZY?

YOUR
FIRST SERGEANT!!



"Go To Bat For GYA"

April, 1951 - The Division went to bat for Germany's kids...

YOU SURE WERE ON THE RIGHT
RANGE, CAPTAIN?



New Range Opens

June, 1951 - Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer, 43d...

BOY PHIL - LISTEN
TO THAT APPLAUSE?

THAT'S NOT
APPLAUSE - THEY'RE
SHOOTING AT US...



"Starza Poppin," Opens In Stuttgart

July, 1951 - "Starza Poppin,"...

SAVE

say, cranston- you see
anything of some
expensive lumber I
had stored in here?



Cost Consciousness Swings Into High Gear

May, 1951 - The Division's cost consciousness program swung into...

OH, VOT A DARLING BLUE BADGE!

How MANY BOX
TOPS DO I SEND
IN TO GET
WUN?

Expert Infantryman Badges Awarded To Men

May, 1951 — After rigorous testing, 171 men of the 172d Inf Regt are now qualified to wear Infantryman Expert Badges.

he's our soloist. we have to pamper
him just a bit...

43d Chorus EUCOM Champs

May, 1951 — The Division's "Winged Victory Chorus" of 36 harmonizing infantrymen sang its way to the championship in the 1st division singing competition.

Just think, willy- back home once
I paid \$2.40 to see him- and
this time its for free.

GEE, I HATE TO SEE THEM
GO- ESPECIALLY SGT. DONLON-
WHY'S THAT?

HE OWES
ME TWO
DOLLARS!

Last Guardsmen On The Way Home

June, 1951 — The last group of the 43d's National Guardsmen went home this week. The men originally made up the 1st Battalion.

NO-NO!
I ASKED IF YOU KNEW WHAT MILITARY
COURTESY IS!!

I THOUGHT YOU SAID
CURTSY...

Courtesy Patrol Starts Crackdown

June, 1951 — Courtesy patrols are getting busy in the Division area. Military courtesy, both on and off duty, is being emphasized.

Danny Kaye Visits Division In Training

June, 1951 — Stage and screen star Danny Kaye "git-gat-giddi" his way through the Division this week leaving a trail of soldiers from his visit.

ARE THESE TWIN SCREW PRATT &
WHITNEY 2000 HP 400 REVOLVING
TURBO ENGINES!!

I DON'T KNOW- YOU'LL HAVE TO
ASK MY FATHER- HE'S THE
CORPORAL OVER THERE-

Troops Instructed On Air Transportability

July 1951 — Troops of the 43d were riding this month in in "wing boxes" that whisk entire troops into the air.

Recon Gets Crest After Long Wait

July, 1951 — Troops of the 43d Recon Co have picked on a new crest, but they had to wait 4,000 years.

Mrs. Rosenberg Visits Division Area

July, 1951 — Division soldiers in Augsburg and Munich this week made way for the A. J. Rosenberg family.

EUCOM Now USAREUR

August, 1951 — EUCOM has a new name today. USAREUR, meaning United States Army Europe.

WHAT A WONDERFUL
FEELING. MY 16,921st
EUCOM SIGN- AT
LAST I'M FINISHED!!

boy, we sure
broke our backs
to win that flag!

First Draftees Leave For U.S.

August, 1951 — The 43d's first selective service increment prepared this week to follow the beaten path to the States.

CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU'RE MY REPLACEMENT!!

Replacements Flood 43d Repl Co

September, 1951 — The 43d Div was having space trouble today, as replacements overflowed the 43d Replacement Company. The company is now overflowing.

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Cpl. Anthony Destafand watches Cpl. Tillman Senters aim from a built-in foxhole at the Lechfeld firing range of the 102d Inf. Regt.



Checking for hits on landscape target range.





Ready on the firing line at the Lechfeld firing range.

Removing ammo from bandoliers to be taken to firing line.





Pfc. Charles L. Sparks watches closely as Cpl. Geo. M. Polinar aims on a target at the Lechfeld firing range.



Sgt Alphonse Normandia

Say, Cranston, I'd like to see you after this formation, if you have a few minutes . . .



Sfc. Albert R. Morris, C Co., 102d Inf. Regt. aims through a window at the 102d's Lechfeld firing range.

Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer, 43d Div. CG, takes aim as he prepares to fire the first shot opening the Lechfeld firing range.



Deep in the cold rifle pits of the Bad Tolz range, these men patch targets.



Pfc. Donald Smith, left and Billy Loggins on the firing range.





Men of Hqs. and Hqs. Co. 43d Div. hurl hand grenades during training at Haunstetten training area, Augsburg, Germany.

MAMA: I WANT TO GO TO LADIDA TOO!

An Army Leader is one, who, when
given an assignment

... considers his best
course of action ,



makes his decision



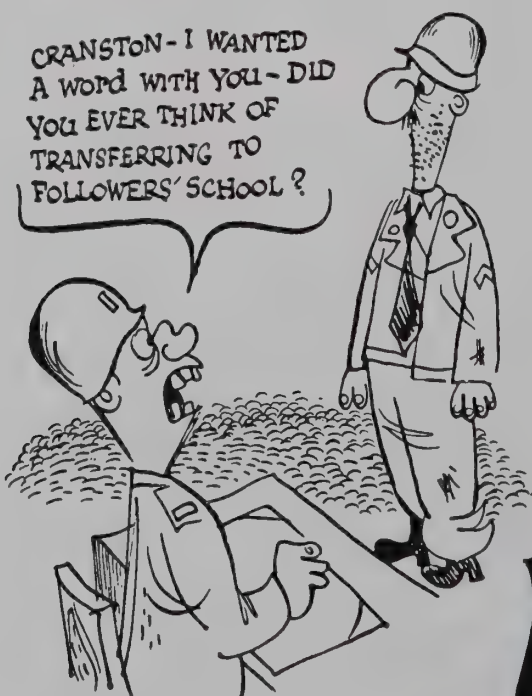
and carries out his
... mission to the best
of his ability



and full completion of his task



CRANSTON - I WANTED
A WORD WITH YOU - DID
YOU EVER THINK OF
TRANSFERRING TO
FOLLOWERS' SCHOOL ?



Shape up, youse guys.
Look like soljurs!



A medical aid man of the 43d Div. treats a "casualty" at the field aid station.



since Le Fong took over the platoon
he's sure turned chicken?



I KNOW THE TAC NCO'S
ARE STRICT HERE - BUT
WHO EVER HEARD OF
GIGGING A GUY FOR
LINT IN HIS
BELLY BUTTON?



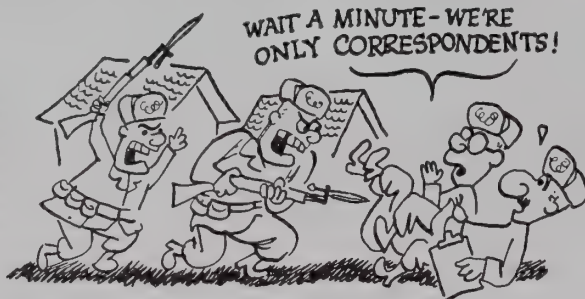
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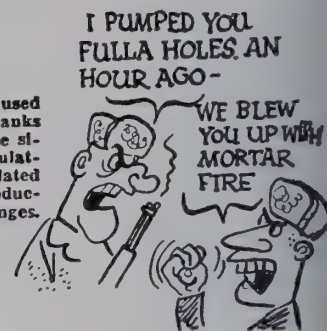
Loading a rocket launcher.

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Troops poured into the village from two directions, dashing in short bursts then hugging the ground for cover. They rushed into the streets and alleys and fanned out. Once in the town they spread out, edging along the sides of the buildings, aiming at windows and rooftops. They mopped up the town in a systematic way.



To reduce casualties, the men used no live ammunition, only blanks and fire crackers. There were simulated artillery salvos, simulated mortar barrages, and simulated machine gun bursts. This produced some heated verbal exchanges.



AND WHERE
IN VERMONT
ARE YOU FROM?

AH SHO'NUFF NEVAH HEARD
 OF THAT PAHT OF VIGINIUH



On a wooded knoll next day, we weathered a rebel-yelling attack by "Vermont's" Able Company, 172d Infantry. Dug in on the defense were some real rock-ribbed "Green Mountain Boys" like Capt Clyde Raleigh company commander, and Cpl Julian Mott, a recoilless rifleman.

"The 172", said Lt Frank Williams, problem control officer, "is taking the attack quite seriously."

VERY
REALISTIC



He led us through the woods to a clearing, where a pre-attack conference was just breaking up.

"Right now", explained Sgt Don Jollette, a Charlie Company umpire "we're keeping a close watch on the platoon sergeants and squad leaders, to see how they grasp the lay of the land and how they handle their men.

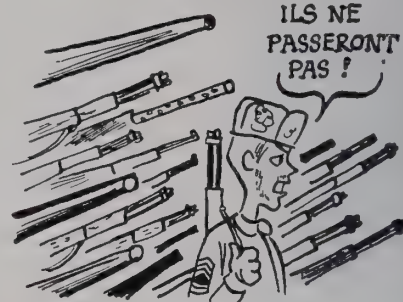
AND WATCH THE INFIGHTING
-THEY BITE, YOU KNOW-



Pencils scribbling, we stalked SFC Robert Crossman, platoon sergeant, through the trees, watched him assign stations to machine gunners, riflemen and runners. SFC Robert Farnsworth, chief of the Dog Company machine gun section assigned to Charlie Company, kept watch on the "enemy" on the opposite hill.

The boys must have recieved full marks that day because, according to the umpires, the "enemy" attackers were wiped out.

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PAS !



YOU SEE, WE SET A 46° AZIMUTH
ON THE PLOTTING BOARD TO ARRIVE
AT THE D.O.F. OVER THE L.D.

NO KIDDING?



Next on our list was the First Battalion, 102d Infantry. We dropped in on an 81 mm mortar "fire direction center", where Sgt Charles Atkinson, gunnery sergeant, gave us some dope on light artillery bombardment theory.

Chow that afternoon came from the immaculate field kitchen of SFC Ted Trombley, mess sergeant of Headquarters Company, First Battalion. Those servings of steaming coffee and Irish stew tasted pretty good in the open air.

I JUST LOVE PICNICS-
DON'T YOU, SAM?



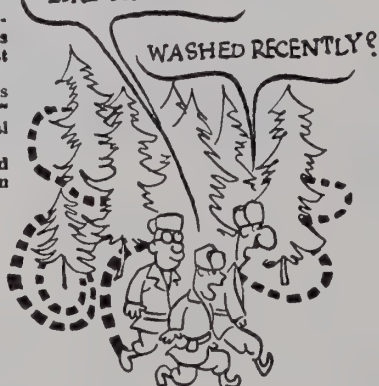
After lunch, Sgt James B. Petrondi, the battalion's operations and training non-com, had a great idea.

"There's a big map-reading class going on in the woods right now," he said. "It'll make good material for you."

It would have, if the sergeant and the two pencil-pushers had been able to find it.

I KNOW THESE WOODS
LIKE THE BACK OF MY HAND.

WASHED RECENTLY?



Instead, the trail wound up in Sgt Joseph Wylle's radio shack high on a hill overlooking the battalion tent city. The radio section, under communications chief SFC Peter A. DeCaprio, runs a round-the-clock service to keep the battalion CP and its outposts in touch with regimental headquarters in Augsburg.

We went away with a beautiful view of the infantry training area and a headful of communications shoptalk.

THINK WE'RE CROWDED NOW?
WAIT TILL THE BOYS
GET BACK FROM CHOW-



GEE, I HATE
TO LEAVE -

WHY'S THAT?

MY OTHER SHOE
JUST CAME OFF



That was it. Detroit, Hartford, Peoria, and the hometown newspapers of Middletown, U.S.A., we decided, could wait no longer. An adventure — and our duty orders had expired. And so, their "In" baskets chock-full, the pencil pushers reluctantly took leave of their combat friends in the field.

by those gay adventurers: cpls sam day & alphonse normandia



Unpacking rockets on the firing range.

Mortar crew getting set up for business.







Preparing a mortar for firing.

Range officer observes firing.

Firing the machine gun.





Standing by on the range.



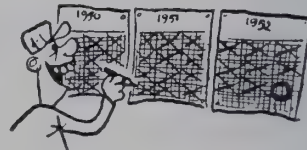
Loading simulated casualty into a C-119 during operation "Blue Skies."

First flight during training . . . infantrymen learn how to move quickly and safely by air.



A Draftee's Handy Guide to Rotation

a tender tribute to the US Man by Cpl Sam Day and Sgt A. Normandia



This is rotation time. A great many old timers in the 43d are going home now, and many more will follow. Army life is just about over for many men, and new horizons are beckoning. For them, Army sights and Army sounds will soon be just a memory. The Army way of life will be behind them. There will be mixed emotions.

...SO YOU'RE MY REPLACEMENT AS CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANT. HAD ANY EXPERIENCE IN THE BUSINESS?



Who goes, and who stays behind? Soldiers are rotated shortly before their term of service, fixed by law, is due to expire. To calculate your rotation date you add up your unexpired term of service, compensate for accrued active reserve time, adjust for prior service, dependency and longevity, and take into account the availability of shipping space. The process has been thoroughly worked out by personnel officials.

Once the date has been decided, the returning soldier faces the problem of training his replacement. Most members of the 43d have shown a healthy interest in this task, taking pains in a careful selection and thorough orientation of the new man.

BY GEORGE, I'M ALMOST SORRY I VOLUNTEERED TO BE RECRUITING OFFICER



The trip to the station will provide rotating troops with a final opportunity to reconsider the momentous step they are taking. They still have a chance to think over the benefits of Army life. Many of them may well come up with an answer to the question of reenlistment.

WAIT A MINIT - I MUSTA STEPPED ON THE WRONG LINE. I WENT THROUGH THIS ACT TWO YEARS AGO!

Once the returning soldier steps ashore his release from active duty is effected in the assembly-line atmosphere of an Army separation center.



SO I TOLD HIM, "CAPTAIN," I SAID - "I GOT A GOOD SOFT JOB WAITING FOR ME - WHY SHOULD I RE-UP?"



I DON' WANNA GO HOME!



SAY, CRUMBLY WE JUST FOUND A MISTAKE IN YOUR ORDERS - YOU SHOULD'VE GONE HOME 6 MONTHS AGO!



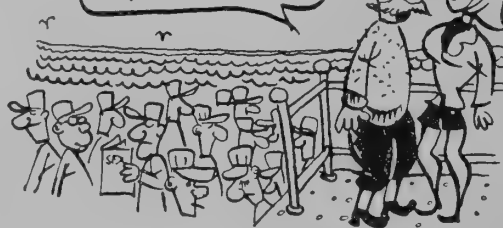
WHERE'S CHARLEY?

OH, HE'S SETTLING SOME PERSONAL AFFAIRS!



Inevitably, the day of departure arrives. ID cards, dog tags, ration books must be checked in advance. The soldier must spend a little time arranging his business and getting his belongings together. There will be personal affairs to settle.

MARTHA, ARE YOU QUITE SURE OUR SHIP WAS TO LEAVE FROM PIER 3?



The rotating soldiers are a lucky bunch. They ride the smart, new "Queens" of the Navy's North Atlantic service. Aboard ship they face all the pleasures of sea breeze and salt spray.

Friends and family are always thrilled to see him again. Maybe he's a little heavier or greyer, but he's the same lad they waved goodbye to. In no time he'll fit back into civilian life.

ALL RIGHT, LESTER - WE ALL KNOW YOU WERE IN GERMANY!



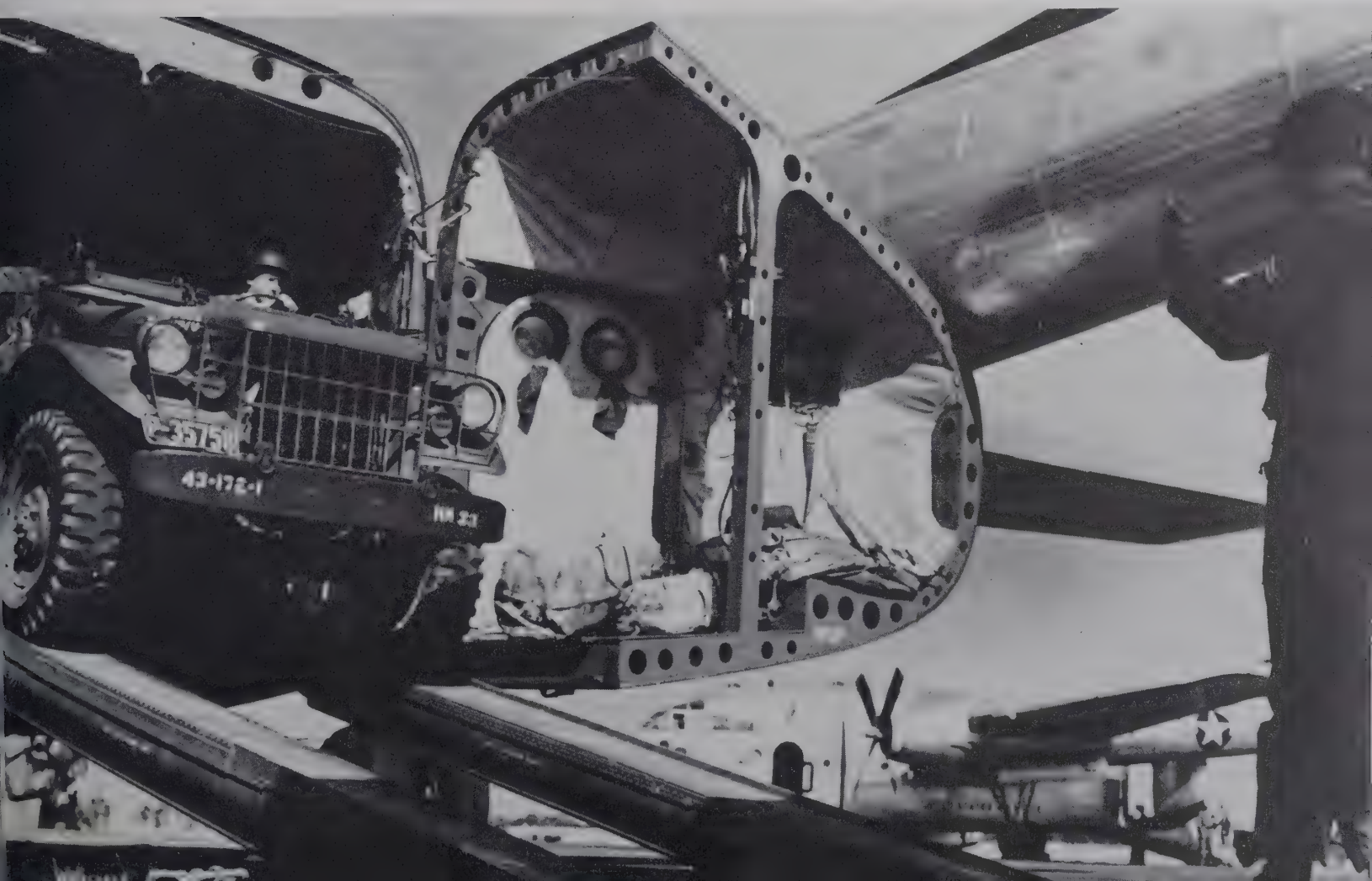
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Finally, the process of rotation is completed. The soldier is now a veteran and a full-fledged member of civilian life. He has done a job for his country and he is free to lead his own life in his own way.



German citizens fascinated by look into American tank.

Cpl. Harold McCullough maneuvers a 3/4-ton truck down loading ramp of a C-82, with the help of Cpl. John Macomber.





Medical students practice the application and removal of leg splints.

Pvt. Wm. McCullough, Pfc. James Ralph, Cpl. Tom Hunter and Cpl. Don Delis are ready for the 440-yard dash.



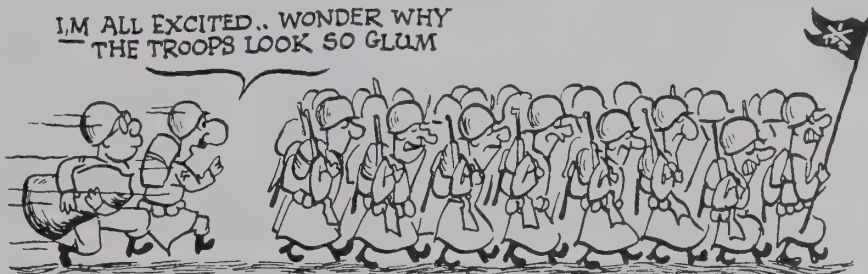
Two Duds in the Mud

(being a short history of how two Chairborne Infantrymen took to the field with the troops of the 43dand LIVED)

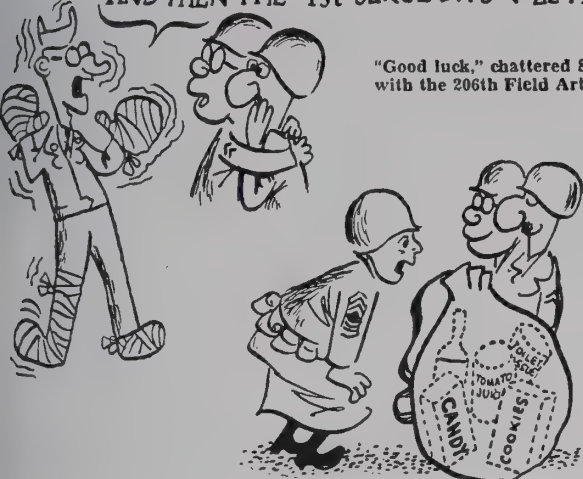
HOW DO A COUPLE of pencil pushers play combat soldier? That was the question we asked ourselves as the troops went to bed in the friendly confines of Warner Kaserne in Munich one night not long ago.

We were soon to find out. A shrill whistle the next morning sent us scrambling for our field packs, blanket rolls, duffel bags, steel helmets — and pencils. Quicker than you can change the ribbon on an Underwood we were on the road, headed in a column of fours for the station. There we were — an artist and a writer from the Division Public Information Office assigned to record the trials and triumphs and every day life of a 43d Infantry Division outfit in the training field. Our hosts were the First Battalions of the Infantry Regiments.

I'M ALL EXCITED.. WONDER WHY
— THE TROOPS LOOK SO GLUM



AND THEN THE 1st SERGEANT'S NOZE FROZE

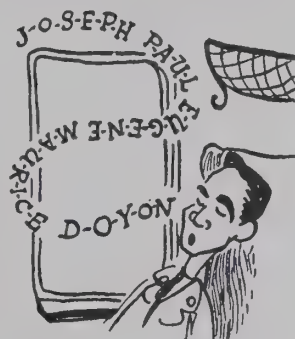


"Good luck," chattered Sgt. Luther S. Miller, Munich Bureau PIO man, as we left. His frostbite, picked up on a training mission with the 206th Field Artillery that week, was coming along nicely. "My f-friends in the 172d will t-take care of you," he had added.

"Welcome aboard," said SFC Clarence Jasmin, First Sergeant of Headquarters Company, First Battalion. "Got your gear?" Gear? We nudged each other slyly. We'd been around a little in our time — and we knew how combat soldiers lived in the field.

As the train pulled out we started right in to work. Our artist traced the rich black hair and rugged features of an infantryman dozing on the seat across from us. I tapped him on the shoulder, whetted my pencil, and prepared to record the soldier's name and hometown address.

"J-o-s-e-p-h P-a-u-l E-u-g-e-n-e M-a-u-r-i-c-e D-o-y-o-n," he said. I managed to scribble down "Lewiston, Maine," as we pulled into the station near our training area.



Evening was gathering as we bumped along the German country roads toward the tent city that was to be home to the battalion for the next two weeks. We inched ourselves out of the trucks, feeling with our combat boots for that inevitable snow.

What a break — It was only mud. And no more than a foot deep. This wasn't going to be half bad, we thought, as we waded to the squad tents.

THIS WOULDN'T BE SO BAD, SAM, EXCEPT
I THINK MY SHOE CAME OFF

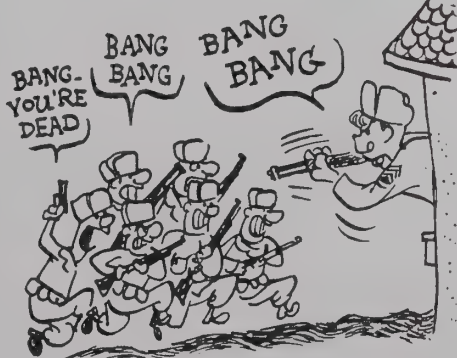


THAT'S THE COLONEL OVER
THERE — AT LEAST I
THINK IT'S THE COLONEL



"How've you boys been making out," we asked one of the men the next day. It was M/Sgt Thomas J. Wolff, operations sergeant of the 169th Infantry.

The Sergeant waved his arm about the Battalion CP to show what wise old field soldiers could do: a neat-fitting front door to seal off the icy winds; strategically placed stoves; and long-burning coleman lanterns that lit up the huge double squad tent like Madison Square Garden on fight night.



"But let's go join the troops," he suggested.

We weren't a moment too soon. Two platoons of Able Company, 169th, headed by Lt Edward H. Farrell and M/Sgt William H. Marceau, already were storming up a hill, defended at that time by an "aggressor" in the person of Sgt Edward Wilson. From the attic window of an abandoned farmhouse, Sgt Wilson was banging away.

KAMERAD!!



Soldiers, hurling firecrackers and shooting blanks, took the farmhouse by storm, while the "umpires," Capt Frank J. Moore, company commander, and Capt Peter J. Vitale, battalion operations and training officer, looked on proudly. "That," they said, "is the kind of realism that makes for good training."

Four startled civilian workmen inside the farmhouse their ears still ringing from the surprise attack, agreed.

Next, from the crest of a high hill, we watched the same infantrymen take a town by house-to-house combat. We clutched our pencils tightly and inched our way into the thick of it.

Our first "catch" was M/Sgt Albert M. Constantino — an "aggressor" from Route 29, Mountinside, N. J. Our artist sketched him in action.

JEEZ, FELLAS — THIS IS SUPPOSED
TO BE A SECRET POSITION





Maj. Gen. Withers A. Burress addressing troops of the 169th Inf. Regt. just before presenting the Gold Rifles Standard to the outstanding Battalion in the Division for 1952 The 2d Bn., 169th Inf. Regt., received the award. Looking on are Col. Wm. H. Craig and Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer.

Thanksgiving Day, l. to r.: Gen. Thomas T. Handy, EUCOM Commander in Chief; Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, 7th Army Commander; General Eisenhower; Maj. Gen. Withers S. Burress, VII Corps Commander; Col. Walter R. Lawson, CO, 172d Inf. Regt.; and Lt. Col. Reuben B. Johnson, then 43d Div. G-2.





Troops of the 102d Infantry Regiment swing past the reviewing stand at Sheridan Kaserne, Augsburg.

European Command chorus champions, the Winged Victory Chorus, with leader-director Joseph Baris holding the trophy cup and Pfc. Dan Tatum, top soloist in the European command.





CWO DiFronzo leads a 43d Division Band concert.

Joint Chorus-Band concert out doors at Konigsplatz, Augsburg.



Danny Kaye puts on his act for the 43d soldiers at Hohenfels Training Area.



Library facilities at Bad Tolz, Germany, Flint Kaserne.





These choristers of Flint Kaserne, Bad Tolz, work out for a concert before the 169th Inf. and 192d F. A.

"Chorus queens" of the 102d Infantry's First Battalion show, wear combat boots for their "cheesecake" photos.

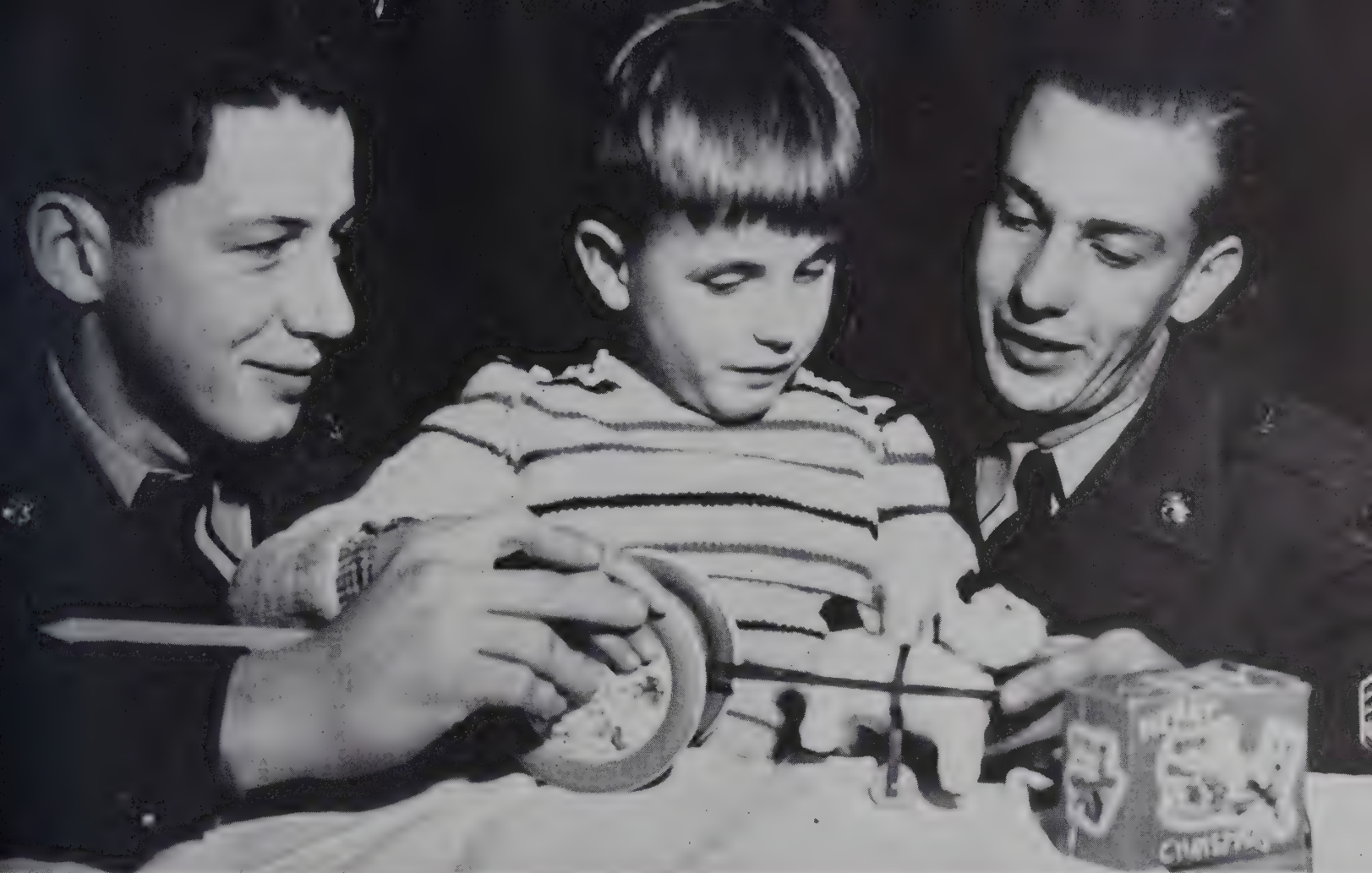




Cpl. Charles E. Blow, Cpl. Wilbur Rickert, Jr., Cpl. Archie Jackson, and Pfc. Glen Burley christen the new pool tables at the Warner Kaserne Service Club.

U. S. Soldier helping German boy down his dessert at X-mas party.





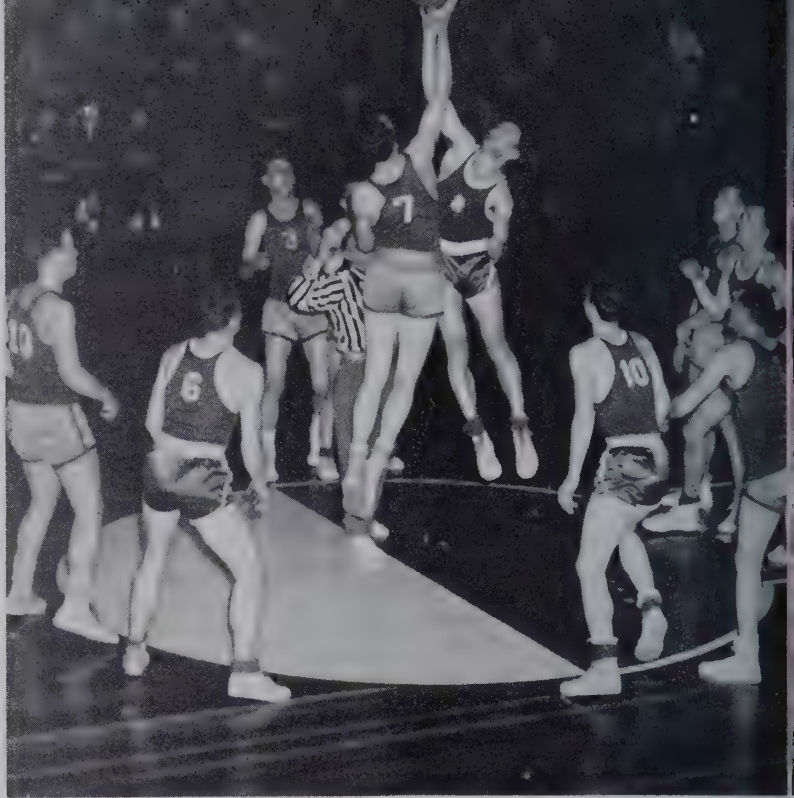
*Pfc. Thom A. Lawrie and Sgt. Thomas Randall at X-mas party
for blind children at the Blinden Schule in Augsburg.*

*A Munich Santa Claus attracts the attention of these 172d Inf. Regt. soldiers on
a shopping tour of that city.*





43d Fighters.



Big Roy Klay and Raymond Cassity leap for the tap during EUCOM championship basketball play at Bremerhaven.

Baseball with the 102d Inf. Regt. Saints at Augsburg, Germany. The Saints won the title in the Eastern Conference of EUCOM.



Skiing novices at Garmisch Recreation Area.





This wasn't the first or last fall at Garmisch ski school.

For visitors to Garmisch Recreation Area, ski lessons are a must.





*Pvt. Johnnie Chandler took two individual titles and the combined scoring crowns
at the division meet.*



Men of the 169th Tank Co. during a 7th Army alert. In the foreground is Flint Kaserne and in the background, the Bavarian Alps.

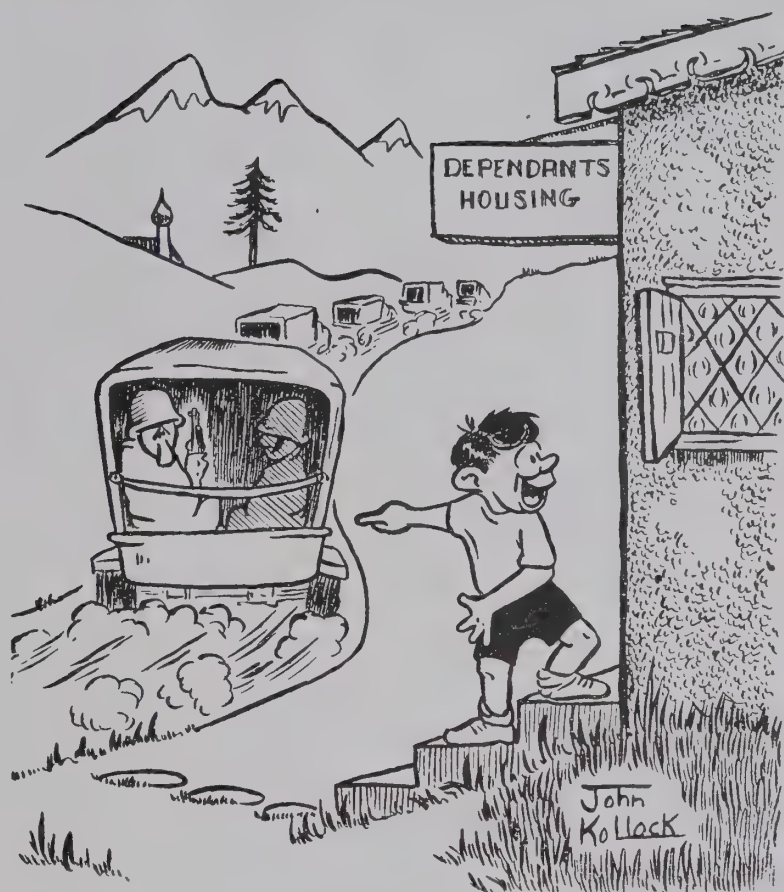
Men of Co. I 169th Inf. Regt. march through the gate at Flint Kaserne during a 7th Army alert.





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"... and in tribute to you, beloved soon-to-be-rotated friend, we have voted to retire your beloved brush."



"Look Mama; Daddy is going on another camping trip."

Pfc. Stewart Chase of Co. "C" 172nd Inf. Regt. signals to his platoon that he has sighted the "Aggressor" during a field problem.





*Part of one platoon of Co. "T"
169th Inf. Regt. attacks a hill
while at Hohenfels.*

*Opposite: Taking cover during the at-
tack.*



*"L" Co., 169th Inf. Regt., makes an as-
sault across an open field.*

*Close-in training area of the 169th Inf.
Regt., Bad Tolz, Germany.*







Tank crew stops on side of road for lunch . . .

and to enjoy the picturesque German countryside.





Pvt. Jake Henry and Pfc. Robert Justice of B Co. 102d Inf. man their 3.5 bazooka on a field problem.

A tank from the 43d Recon. Co., 43d Inf. Div., churns snow from its treads as it moves forward to attack "enemy" positions at a division training area.





Pfc. Stuart Chase is an old hand at preparing a warm meal out of combat rations.

A medical detail in a field training area practices loading a "victim" for removal from the aid station.



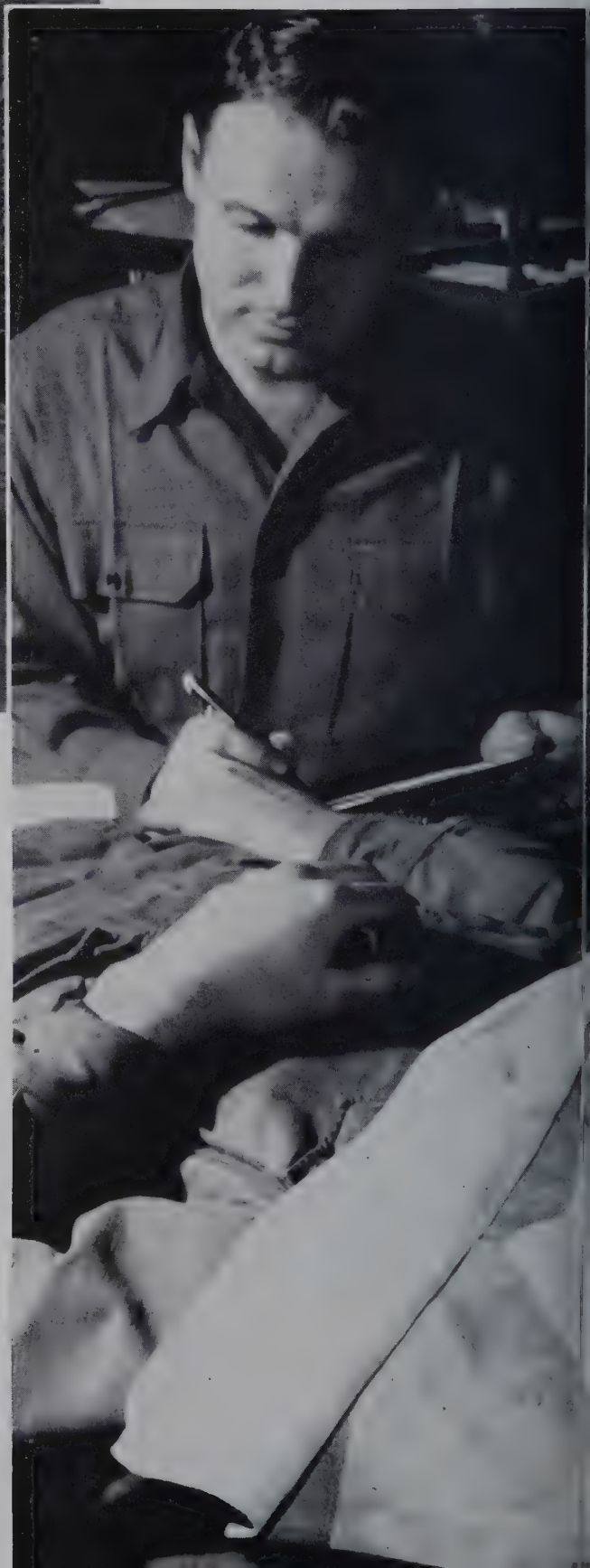
Efforts were made to make field maneuvers as realistic as possible.



l. to r.: Pfc. Cleatus Teague, Pfc. Willis Semmer, Pfc. Jerry R. Stewart, and Pfc. Millard Smith. The "mock casualty" is Sgt. Eugene Tellock.



Practicing first aid in the field.



Receiving proper attention at a field hospital.









*Signal Co. photographers captured by Ag-
gressor Road Block at Elwangen.*





Cpl. Charles Blow and 1st Lt. George Vick in a German training area.



Prime mover-M5 moving between two bombed-out houses in the ghost town of Gruen.



During a firing mission in Southern Germany, Sgt. Donald Orr (center) points out the day's objective to Sgt. Fred Miller.

Pvt. Francis Kelly and Pvt. Harry Charger shown checking lines in the deep snow.



155 MM Howitzers of the 103 F. A. Bn lined up for calibration during winter artillery training.



Ammo loading detail at a field training area.



A firing detail in a training area in Germany, December, 1951.



Second cooks Pfc. Joseph Veno and Cpl. Salvatore Chiefalo help prepare supper for troops.



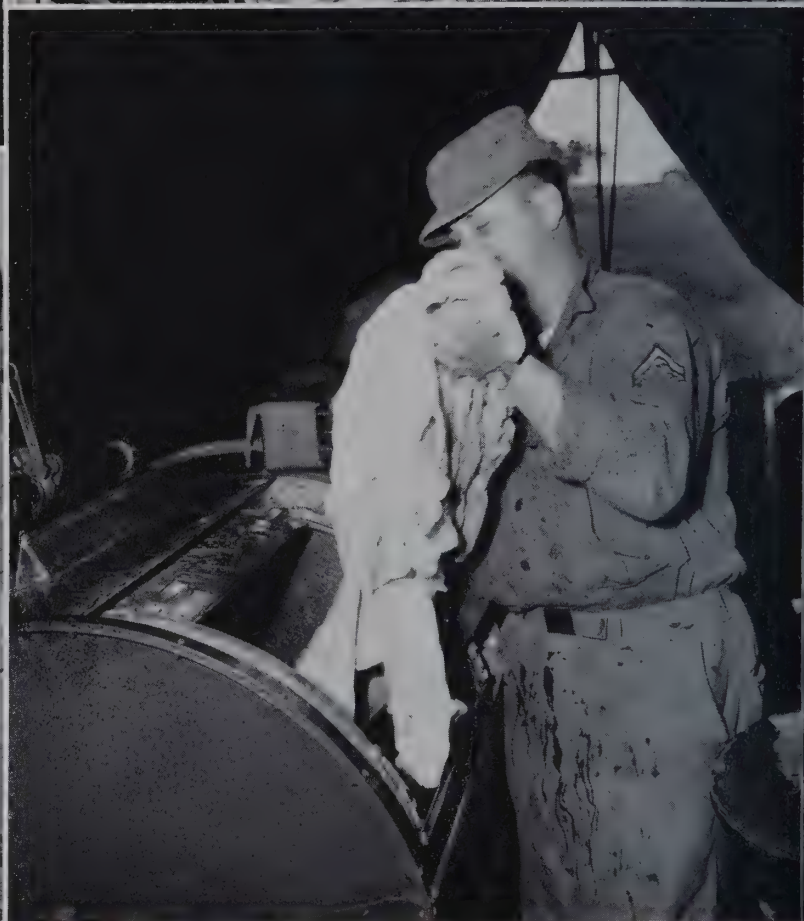
Pulling the lanyard on a round, headed for the artillery range.





Cpl. Sal Quagliano, Pvt. Irving J. Edgecomb, Sfc. Alfred D. Abate unload rations.

Sfc. Hilding Hedenberg, Pfc. B. T. Richter and Pfc. Burton Laccorh receive lessons in field cooking.



Woman's work is never done at Hohenfelds QM.

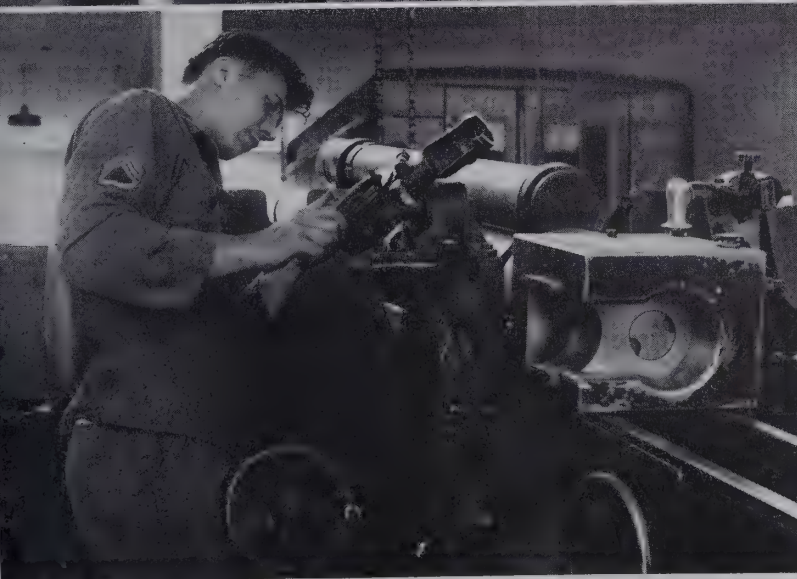
Rain spots darken and dampen field jackets of these soldiers as they grab a bite to eat.

After unloading and degreasing artillery equipment . . .

It is reassembled . . .



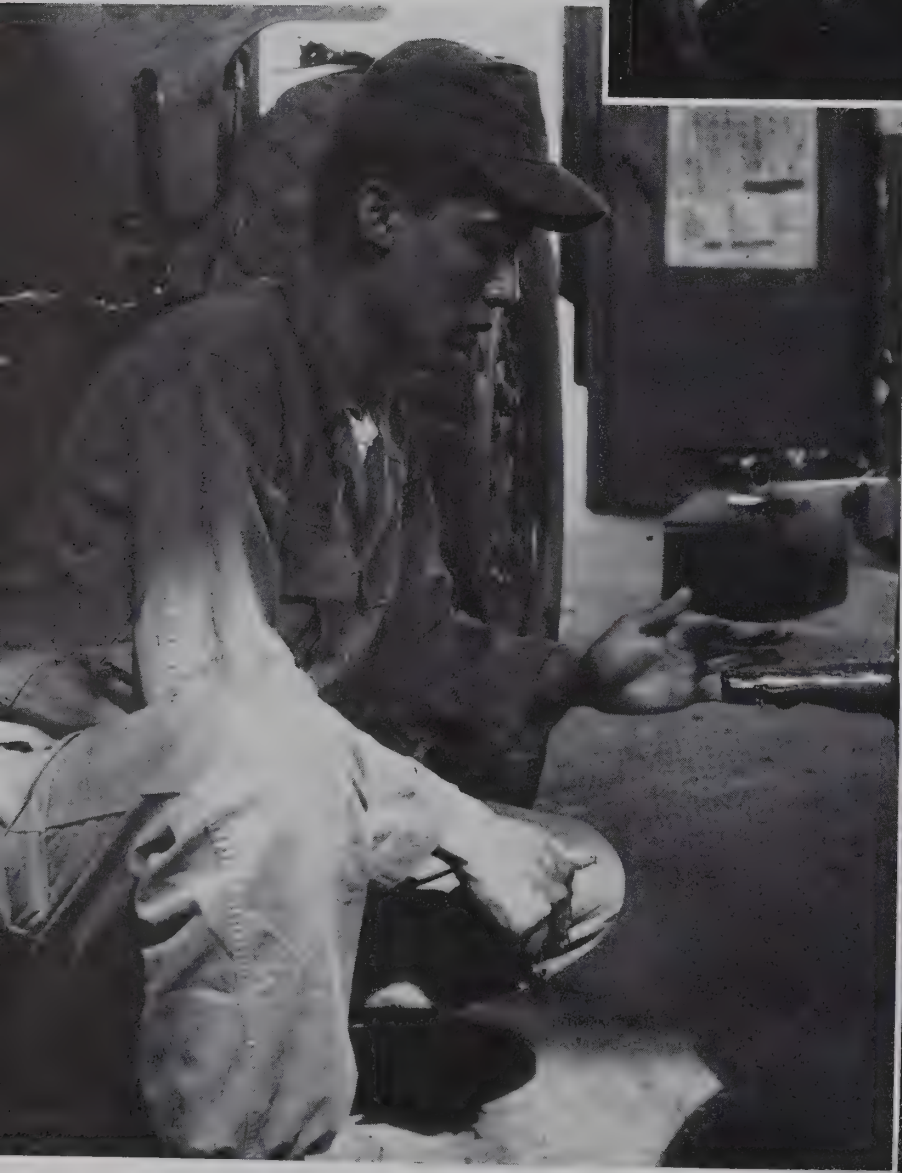
And put back into working order.



Cleaning a 105 Howitzer after a day of field firing . . .

Is a daily routine for 43d Div. artillerymen.







Two soldiers read the familiar army publication THE STARS AND STRIPES.

l. to r.: Col. James J. Pirtle, Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, Assistant Defense Secty., Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer and Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy.



Division commanders explain their situation map to the 7th Army CG, Lieutenant General Manton S. Eddy.



Many hands are needed to build the pontoon bridge.

Lt. Bernard Racine, Col. Wilfred A. St. Martin and Lt. Col. Howard Deller on field problem.



Communications outfit—one of the most important of any division.



Pontoon bridge half completed as men of 118th Engr. Bn. continue the work.

Squads advance through the thickets of a Bavarian training area.

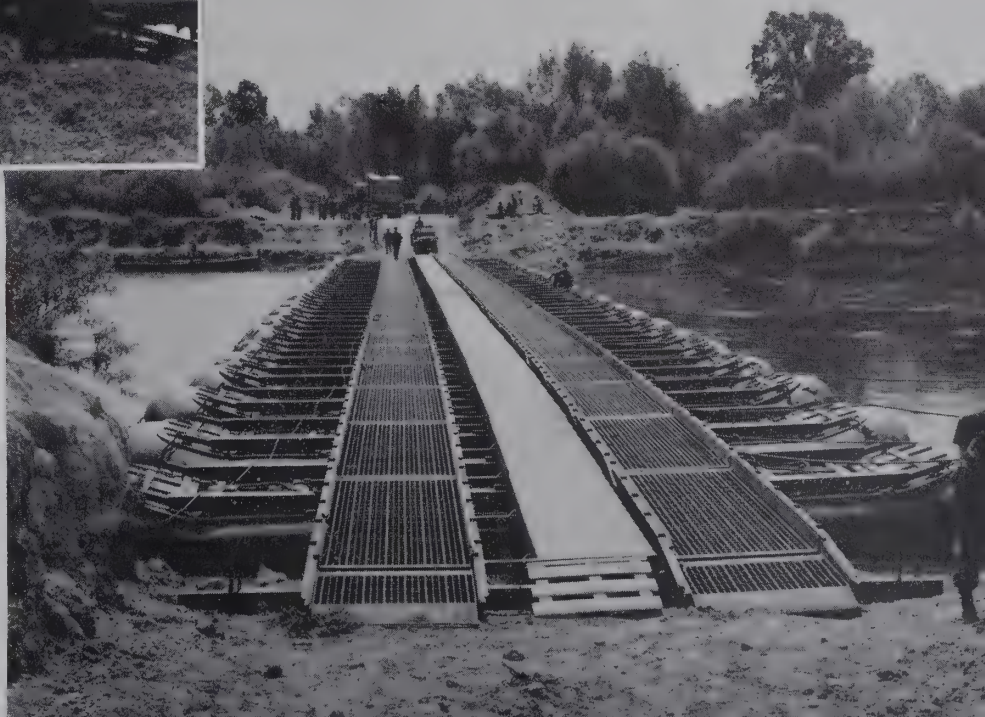


1st Lt. Albert Holmes and Pfc. George R. Latimer ready a tractor and a 155 mm gun for transfer to training area in Germany.



The 103d F.A. Bn. squeezes a 155 mm gun onto a German flatcar.

Engineers stand by as the traffic rolls on the newly constructed pontoon bridge.





Shady problem. . . . Plenty of superintendents.



Machine gun target practice.



Field problems in Germany meant camouflage, too.





A tank commander guides his "General Patton" across the fields.



Target practice from the air. mission accomplished.

Many kinds of equipment make up this rolling convoy.



Tankers nose their 46-ton "General Patton" through the woods.



Machine gunners in slit trench.



Sfc. Michael Thibodeau, and Pfc. Thomas Ruff toss spent shell cases from tank.



Two riflemen point their BAR at an imaginary enemy.



Firing the 60 mm. on the range.



A .57 mm. recoilless rifle is prepared for action.





A soldier plays the role of patient for the Division's medical trainees.

Simulated casualty gets first aid and blood plasma during training exercises.

Ready . . . aim . . . fire . . . duck.



Brigadier General Charles K. Gailey, assistant Division commander, takes ten with a soldier in the field.



Time out for relaxation—reading and a bite to eat.

Line forming to right at mobile PX.





Gen. J. Lawton Collins inspects 172d Inf. Regt. area with Col. Richard J. Hunt and Brig. Gen. Charles K. Gailey during Operation Equinox.



*Color bearers and guards: Cpl. Jimmy Daly
Welsh, Cpl. John E. Cox, Cpl. Evats L. Mathis
and Sgt. John L. Mirritt.*



*Regimental review honors senior National
Guardsmen to be rotated.*



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Men of the 102d Inf. Regt. fire on the transition range at Hohenfels.

Infantrymen of the 3d Bn. 102d Inf. Regt. ride 143d Tank Bn. tanks back after the maneuver ends.



